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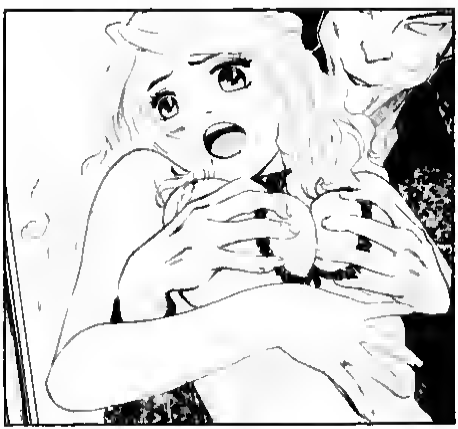

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Kozaburo Himuro is the reclusive head of Special Unit A (aka the Crypt). From within his secluded headquarters, Himuro uses his genius intellect and understanding of the criminal mind to help solve the most heinous and bizarre cases. Due to mysterious events in his past, he is incapable of leaving the Crypt to face the world and his own personal demons.

DETECTIVE KURUMI AYAKI

As Inspector Himuro's eyes and ears outside the Crypt, Kurumi Ayaki helps investigate the gruesome crimes assigned to Special Unit A. Although completely out of her element, Ayaki's heart and determination help compensate for her lack of practical experience. It is Ayaki's emotional tenacity combined with Himuro's cold logic that may be the team's greatest asset.

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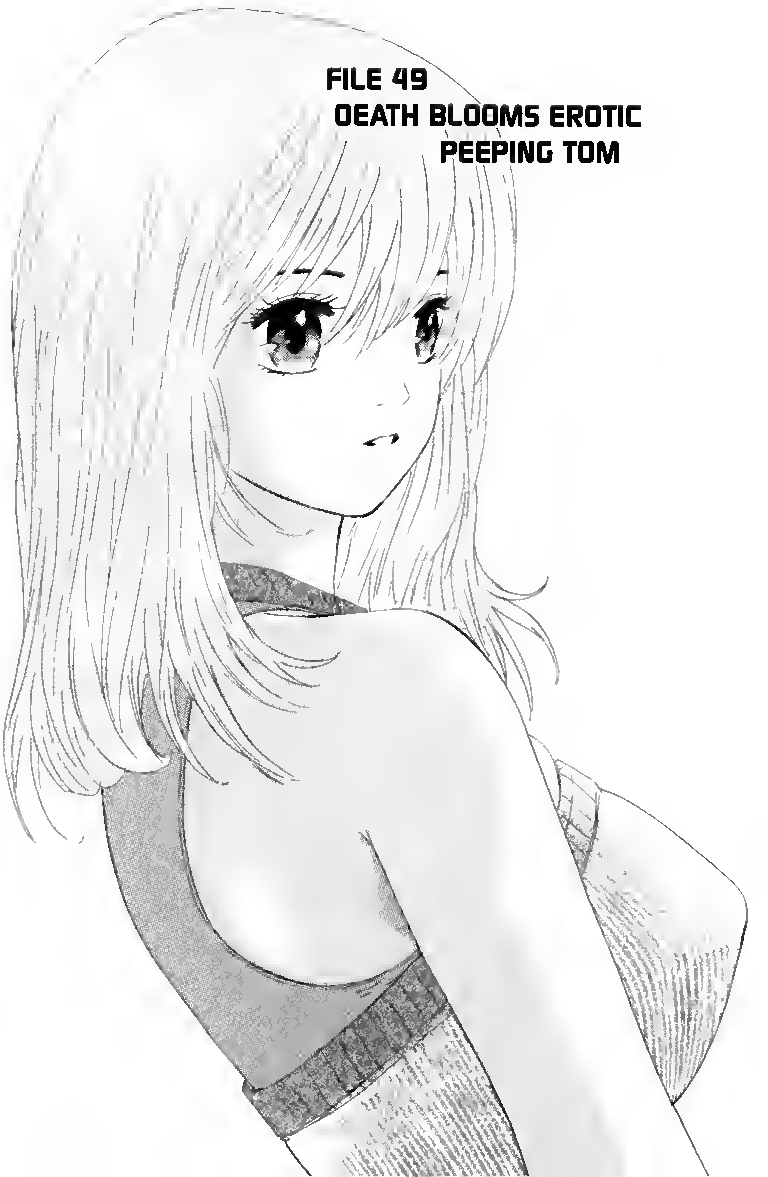
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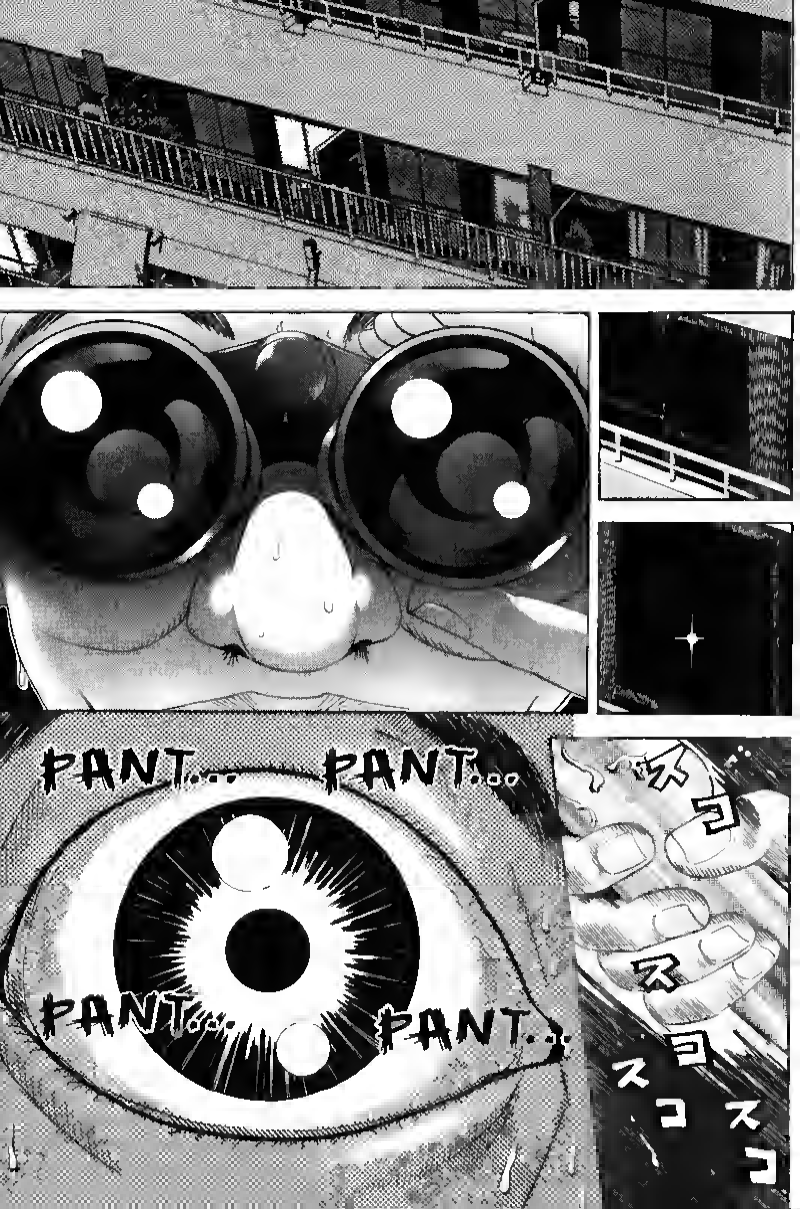
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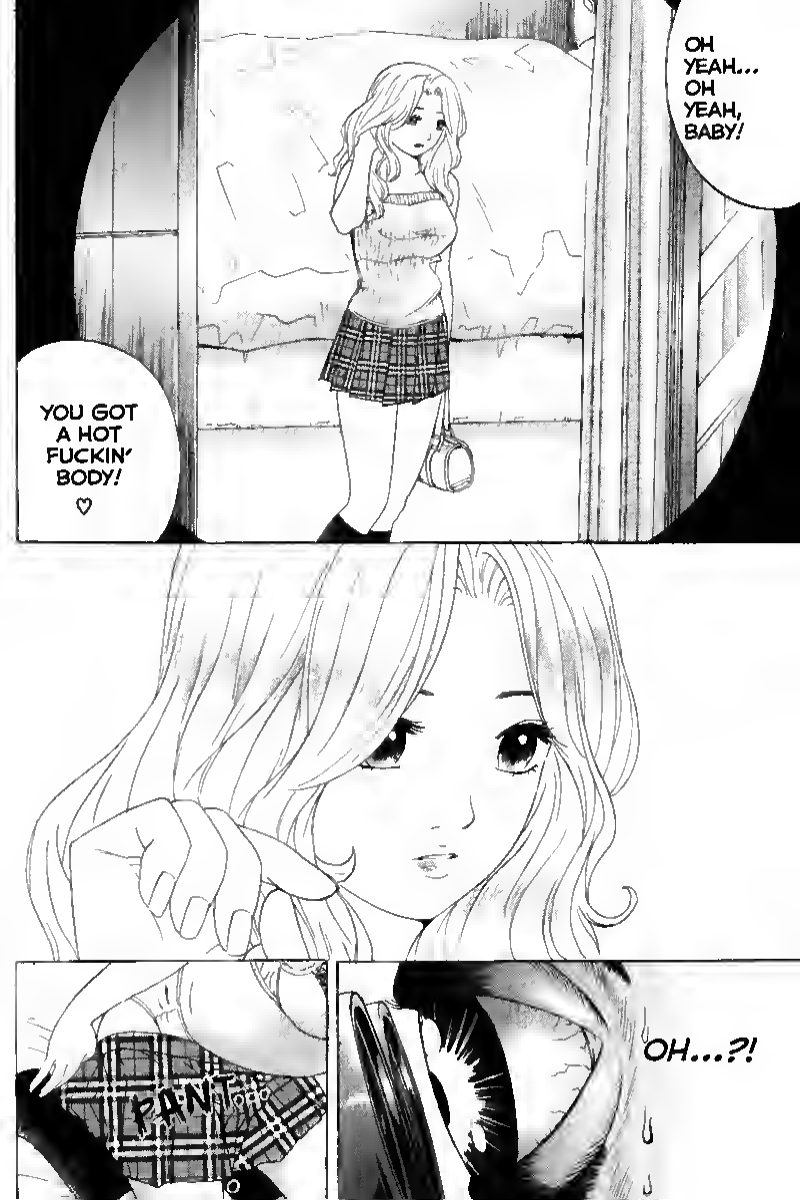

OH YEAH... OH YEAH, BABY!
YOU GOT A HOT FUCKIN' BODY! ♡
PANTOPE
OH...?!

OOOH...
!!
HEH...
AHORT

UNH...
YES...
HOLY SHIT!
DO IT, BABY! DO IT!!

SCREAK
SCREAK
SCREAK
OOOH. . AH...
SCREAK
KEEP GOING, BABY... OH YEAH...
OH!
OH YES... OH GOD...
PANT...
PANT...
OOOOOOH!!
OOOH!
OH!
AH!
OH! OH!!
I'M...
I'M COMING...
SQUIEK
SQUIEK

HOW'S IT GOING, BOB?
The Crypt: Himuro's Mansion

UH...
DID YOU DIG UP ANY INFO FOR ME?
WELL...
...IT'S BEEN KIND OF A SLOW WEEK.
IF YOU CAN'T DO THE JOB...
...THEN FIND ME SOMEONE WHO CAN.
SIGH...
I'M NOT PAYING YOU TO JUST LOAF AROUND, BOB.
WHAT?
WELL...

AND IF THEY HAVE, THEY AIN'T TALKING.
...I MEAN, WORD ON THE STREET IS NO ONE'S SEEN THE GUY.
I'M SORRY ...
I...
KOU...
IT'S NOT YOU, BOB. I'M JUST...
...I'M JUST FRUSTRATED, IS ALL. I THINK OF THAT GUY OUT THERE...
THAT ANIMAL...
I...I KNOW. I'M... SORRY.

...AND IT JUST MAKES ME SICK.
CLICK
KOU...?

GOOOOD MORNING!
!!

ARE, UH...YOU GUYS BUSY, OR...?
UH...
OFFICER AYAKI...
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO YELL! WHAT A GROUCH.—
...I DON'T REMEMBER CALLING FOR YOU TODAY. WHEN I WANT YOU, YOU WILL BE SUMMONED, UNDERSTOOD?!
UNTIL SUCH TIME...GO HAND OUT PARKING TICKETS OR SOMETHING!
Y-YES SIR! SORRY, SIR!

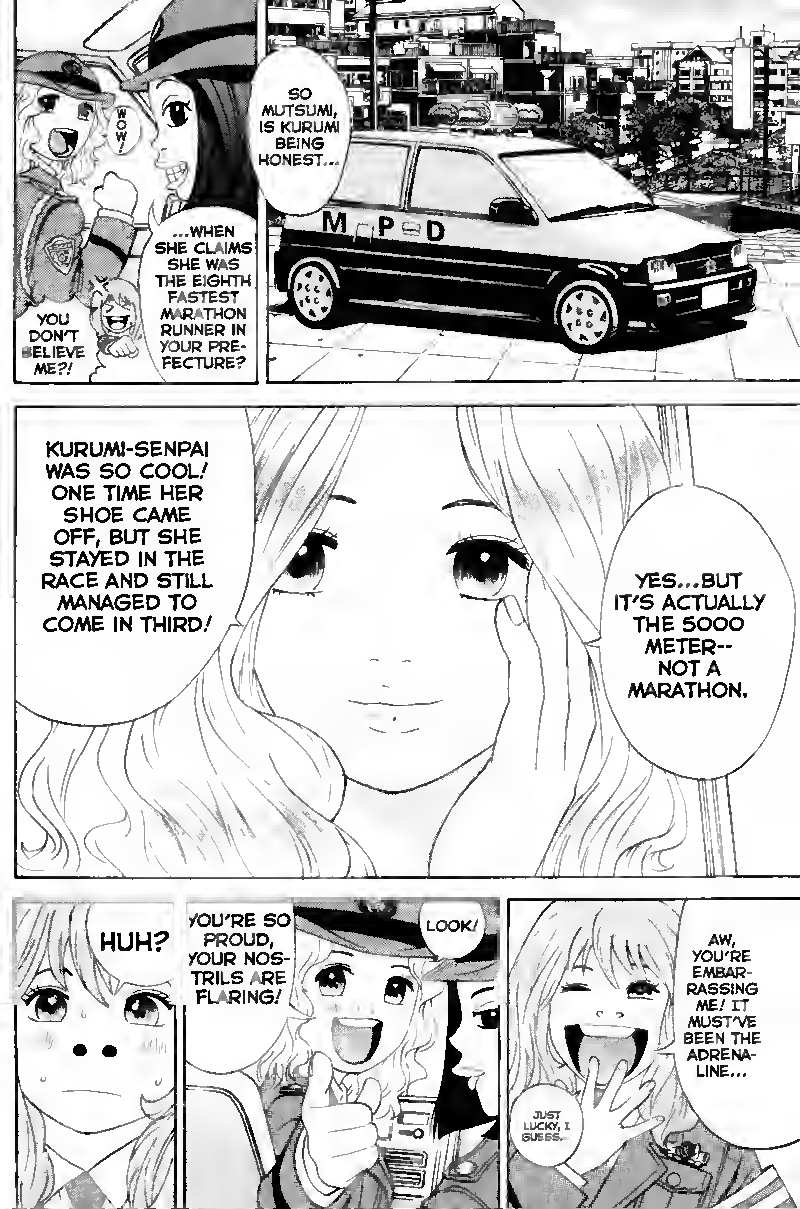
I WONDER WHAT'S GOT HIS PANTIES IN A TWIST...?!
THOUGH, SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M NOT GOING TO LIKE THE ANSWER...

警視庁
MPD
Illegal Parking
PLEASE!
I-I'M IN A HURRY...
I-I'LL MOVE MY CAR!

PLEASE! I'M SORRY! I-IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I'LL MOVE IT RIGHT AWAY!
OKAY.
ペ
YOUR FINGER-PRINT, PLEASE...
タッ
JUN, WAIT!!
SORRY, MA'AM...
...BUT YOU ARE PARKED IN A CLEARLY LABELED "NO PARKING" ZONE.
NOW, PRESS YOUR INDEX FINGER HERE.

WHAT?!
SHE'S A FRIEND OF MINE. CUT HER A BREAK, HUH? FOR ME?
YOU'RE THE BEST! ♡
ALL RIGHT, KURUMI. FOR YOU. HERE'S THE TICKET.
WELL ...I DUNNO ...
WELL ...
PLEASE? ♡
SO...LONG TIME NO SEE, MUTSUMI! YOU'RE EVEN CUTER THAN THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU!
RUSTLE RUSTLE

IT'S ME... KURUMI AYAKI!
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME? MAYBE IT'S THE UNIFORM...
?
UH... DO I...
OH! KURUMI! I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU!!
DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE SCHOOL!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN TOKYO...
HOW LONG'S IT BEEN? SINCE GRADUATION, RIGHT?
UH... YES...
Oh, that's not true
ISN'T SHE JUST THE CUTEST? SHE WAS THE "IDOL" OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL!
WE WERE ON THE ATHLETICS TEAM TOGETHER
YEP!
OH! YOU TWO...
KNOW EACH OTHER?


WOW!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?!
...WHEN SHE CLAIMS SHE WAS THE EIGHTH FASTEST MARATHON RUNNER IN YOUR PREFECTURE?
SO MUTSUMI, IS KURUMI BEING HONEST...
M P D
KURUMI-SENPAI WAS SO COOL! ONE TIME HER SHOE CAME OFF, BUT SHE STAYED IN THE RACE AND STILL MANAGED TO COME IN THIRD!
YES...BUT IT'S ACTUALLY THE 5000 METER-- NOT A MARATHON.
HUH?
YOU'RE SO PROUD, YOUR NOSTRILS ARE FLARING!
LOOK!
AW, YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME! IT MUST'VE BEEN THE ADRENALINE...
JUST LUCKY, I GUESS.

KURUMI-SENPAI WAS CUTE AND TOUGH! SHE WAS THE IDOL OF OUR SCHOOL, NOT ME.
HEY!! N-NO THEY WEREN'T!! HOW EMBARRASSING!!
YOU'RE SO EASY TO READ!
YOU'RE ALL RED!
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UGH! I LOOKED TERRIBLE AFTER THAT RACE!
WHEN WE HEARD THAT SHE SIGNED UP AT THE POLICE ACADEMY, WE WERE SURPRISED... BUT WE KNEW SHE COULD DO IT!
ARE YOU STILL WORKING ON THAT?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! YOU ALWAYS SAID YOUR DREAM WAS TO BECOME AN ACTRESS!
SO, MUTSUMI... WHAT DO YOU DO?
I THINK WE'VE EMBARRASSED KURUMI ENOUGH...
WELL...
THANKS!

If only I had listened more closely, noticed the slight tremble in her voice, the sadness in her eyes...perhaps I could have averted the tragedy about to unfold.

HUH?
HEY...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S THERE...
C'MON BABY!
I PAID GOOD MONEY FOR THIS!
WHERE COULD SHE BE?!
I HOPE SHE'S READY TO PLAY CATCH UP...
...'CAUSE I ALREADY STARTED WITHOUT--
--HUH?!
スコスコスコスコ
YES! THE LIGHTS! SHE'S HOME!!

SHE... SHE'S DEAD?!
...COMMMINGGGG!!

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UNSOLVED CASE REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Case file number	Previous officer assigned	Det. M. Miyazaki
NYA - 14251	Current officer assigned	Officer K. Ayaki

Investigation status

Officer Ayaki reporting. Mission successful: my fiancé was cleared of any crime.

My next assignment might be the worst of my increasingly bizarre stint at Special Unit A. Inspector Himuro is sending me to the seedy underbelly of the city to work undercover at a peep show. Dirty hallways, filthy men, and sticky floors—you get the picture.

But thia "lovely" setting is the scene of a brutal crime. A "faceless" woman is cutting off the heads of all the pretty young girls—a vicious crime, and with this crowd, there are no lack of suspects. On top of it all, the whole scene is beginning to hit close to home, and I may have to perform in a peep show of my own. One thing's for sure: everyone better keep their stinking hands to themselves!

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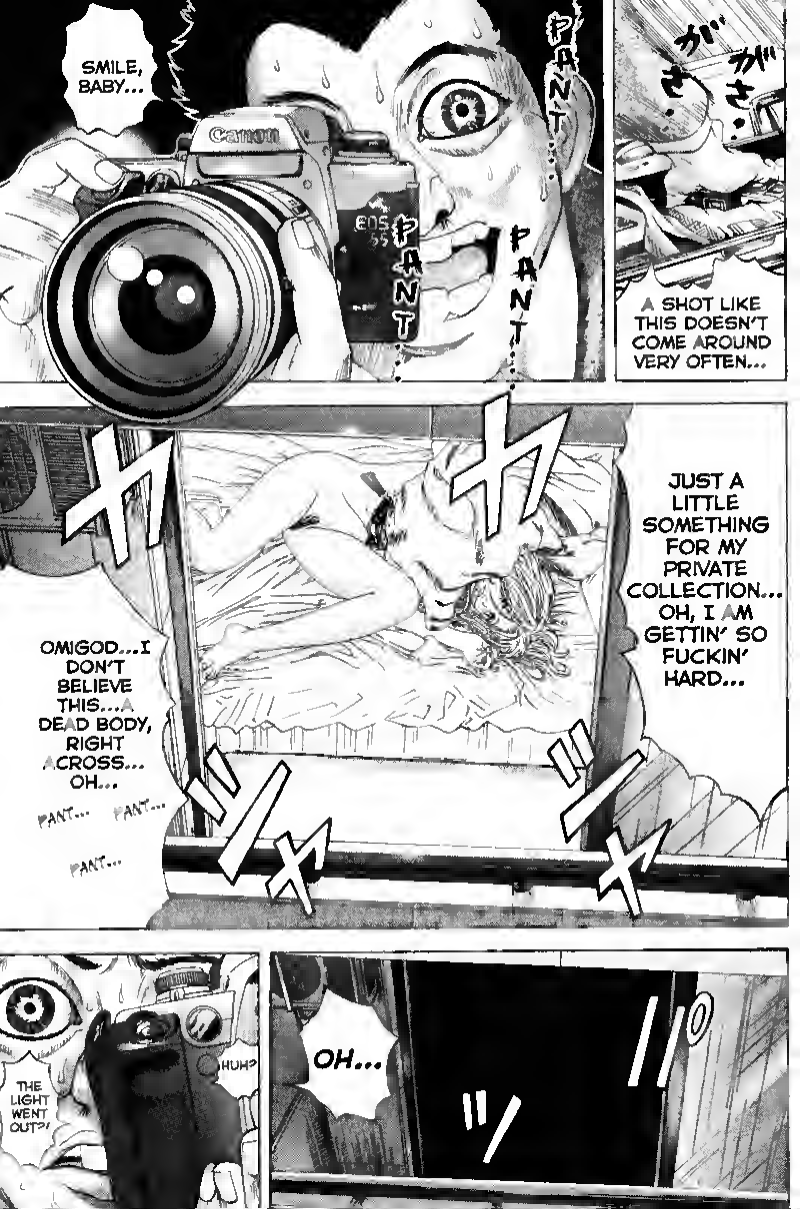
SHE... SHE'S DEAD?! SAKURA IS... DEAD?!
FILE 50
DEATH BLOOMS EROTIC HEARTLESS ORDER
I'M LOOKING AT A FUCKING MURDER SCENE!!
CAN IT BE REAL ?!
I... RIGHT NOW...A DEAD BODY...
PANT...
PANT...
PANT...
PANT...
IT...IT CAN'T BE!
OMIGOD... SHE'S FUCKING DEAD...OH GOD...
WHA-WHAT SHOULD I...HEY! MY CAMERA!


SMILE, BABY...
Canon
EOS
PANT...
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PANT...
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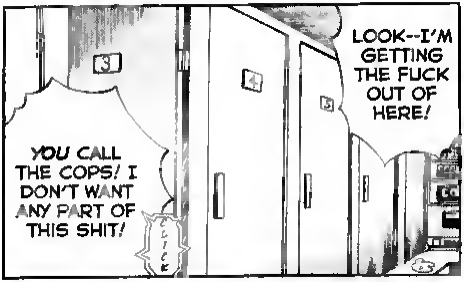
A SHOT LIKE THIS DOESN'T COME AROUND VERY OFTEN...
JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR MY PRIVATE COLLECTION... OH, I AM GETTIN' SO FUCKIN' HARD...
OMIGOD...I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...A DEAD BODY, RIGHT ACROSS... OH...
PANT...
PANT...
PANT...
THE LIGHT WENT OUT?!
HUH?
OH...

...THE KILLER IS STILL IN THE ROOM!
OH SHIT... OH SHIT...
PANT... PANT...
HOLY FUCK!! THAT MEANS ...
HUH?!
WHAT AM I SAYING?
I...I SHOULD CALL...
...THE POLICE...
BREEP
I CAN'T CALL THE POLICE FROM A PLACE LIKE THIS...
OH!
THE SHOP! YES! THAT'S IT!
I'LL CALL THE SHOP...
CLICK
THANK YOU...
...FOR CALLING "THE PEEPING TOM." HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

Um, uh...this is Zao...no! I mean Tanaka! I'm...I'm viewing Sakura...
YES...? IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG?
SAY WHAT ?!
LOOK PAL-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF KINKY SHIT YOU'RE IN TO, BUT WE DON'T--
NOW OPEN INTRODUCING AN EXCITING NEW STYLE OF SEX ENTERTAINMENT-- THE PEEPING ROOM!
THE PEEPING TOM
VIEW REAL APARTMENTS WITH LIVE, HORNY GIRLS!
YOU'RE IN BOOTH THREE, RIGHT?
Y-YES, BUT...
...SOME-THING'S HAPPENED... IN THE BUILDING ACROSS...
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S DEAD AND...
SAKURA ... SHE...
UH... HOW DO I SAY...?
W-WHAT?
You're not listening! Shut the fuck up and *listen* to me! She's dead!
Someone *stabbed* her in the *chest!!* She's all bloody a-and her eyes are wide open, and—and—oh God! I'm gonna puke!!

...the killer might be still in the room!
WELL, DID YOU CALL THE POLICE?!
S-SHE'S REALLY DEAD...?
DUDE, IF THIS IS A JOKE...

AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS PART OF THE SHOW, BUT...
YOU HEAR ME?! SHE'S DEAD!!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LOOK--I'M GETTING THE FUCK OUT OF HERE!
YOU CALL THE COPS! I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THIS SHIT!
POLICE

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N-NO, I...
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I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!! NO WAY I'M GETTIN' MIXED-UP IN THIS!!
OH SHIT...! OH SHIT...!
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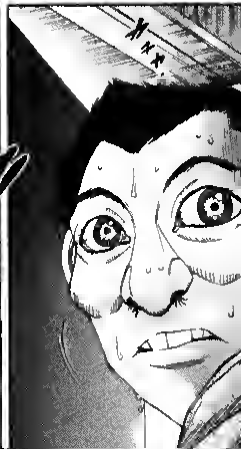
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NO WAY!!
I-I DON'T THINK IT WAS A CRANK! I THINK HE WAS SERIOUS!
WH-WHAT IF—
B-BUT MR. KARAKI...
WOULD YOU CALM DOWN? THIS CRANK SHIT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME IN THIS BUSINESS. PRICE OF WORKIN' WITH SICK FUCKIN' PERVERTS.
I MEAN, WHY WOULD SOMEONE WANNA KILL SAKURA?
Smoking is prohibited inside the elevator and building
Do not throw cigarettes on the street

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DING
WELL, SAKURA IS IN ROOM 408...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT...
COUGH COUGH
...AND OUR GIRLS ALWAYS TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE CUSTOMER, Y'KNOW?
WE NEVER FORGET TO PAY THE YAKUZA FOR THE BUSINESS ...
408
OH..
HERE'S HER ROOM
IF THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG, WE'LL JUST GET A FEW YAKUZAS DOWN HERE AND...
408
I DON'T WANT THE POLICE INVOLVED UNLESS THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE. TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
SO...UH, MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THE POLICE...?
THE GUY... HE SAID THAT THE K-KILLER MIGHT STILL BE IN THE ROOM!
408
I DON'T HEAR NOTHIN'.

WHAT THE--?! YOU'VE GOT A GUN?!
A WOODEN SWORD...?!
O-OKAY!
SSH! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!
OH! SORRY, SIR...
UM... YOU... UM...
LET'S GO, ISHIKURA. HERE--HOLD THIS. JUST IN CASE.
CLICK
IT'S PITCH BLACK
HUH?!

HEY! SAKU-- MUTSUMI! YOU BEEN DRINKING ON THE JOB?!
WAKE UP!!
HUH?
SHE'S ASLEEP. SAKURA, WAKE UP!

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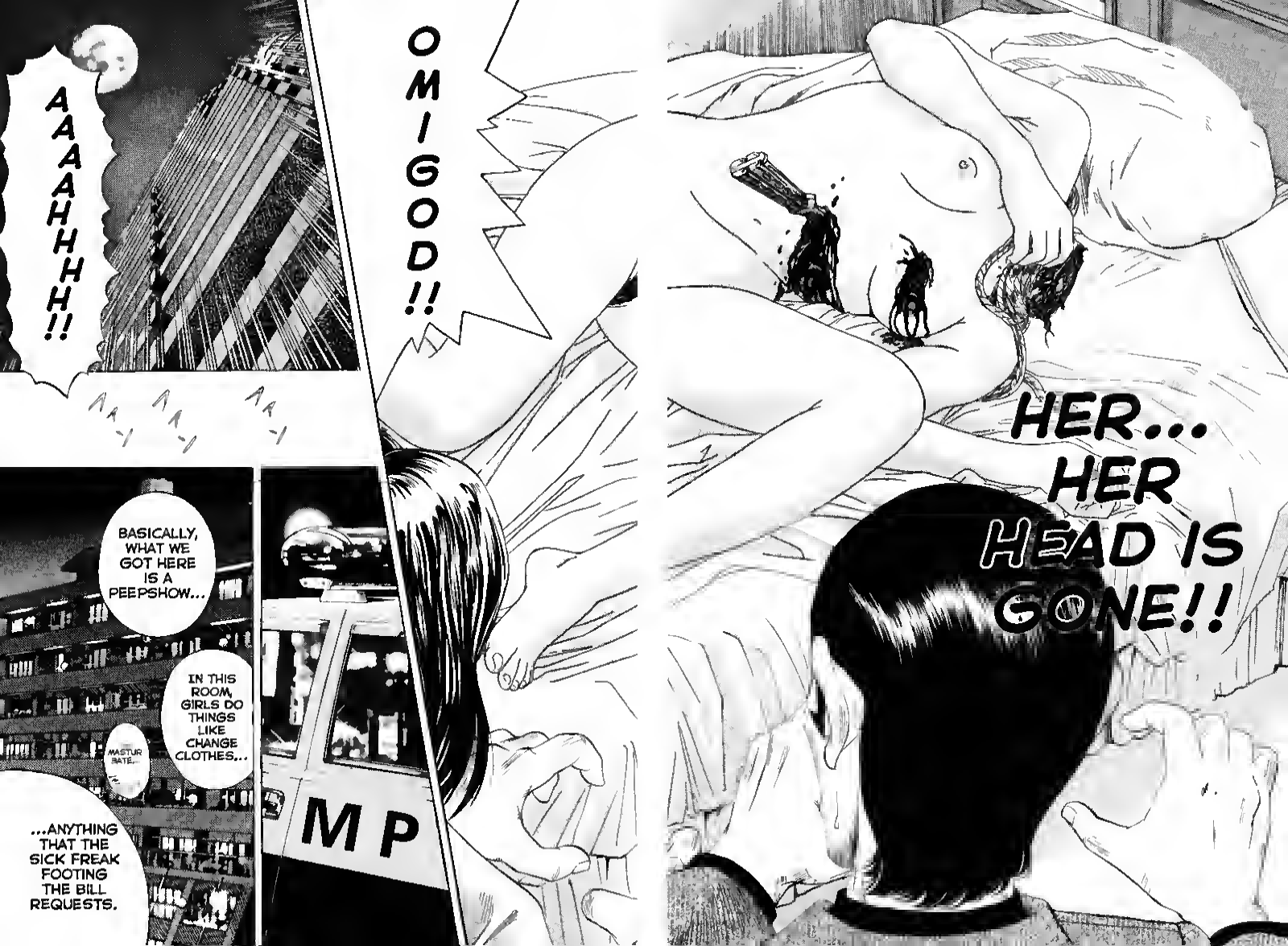
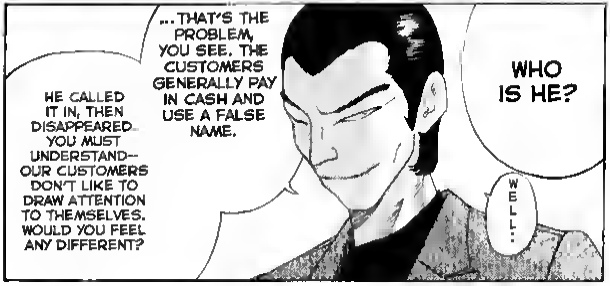

AAAAHHH!!
AA-!
AA-!
AA-!
OMIGOD!!
HER... HER HEAD IS GONE!!
BASICALLY, WHAT WE GOT HERE IS A PEEPSHOW...
IN THIS ROOM, GIRLS DO THINGS LIKE CHANGE CLOTHES...
MASTUR BATE...
...ANYTHING THAT THE SICK FREAK FOOTING THE BILL REQUESTS.
MP

THE PEEPSHOW IS THE MOST POPULAR SHOP I OWN, OFFICER BUT HEY-- DIFFERENT STROKES, RIGHT? NO PUN INTENDED...
THE CUSTOMERS SIT IN THE BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET, WATCH WITH TELE-SCOPES AND TAKE PICTURES. DAMN PERVERTS.
Why don't they just get a hooker?


HE CALLED IT IN, THEN DISAPPEARED. YOU MUST UNDERSTAND-- OUR CUSTOMERS DON'T LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES. WOULD YOU FEEL ANY DIFFERENT?
...THAT'S THE PROBLEM, YOU SEE. THE CUSTOMERS GENERALLY PAY IN CASH AND USE A FALSE NAME.
WHO IS HE?
WELL:

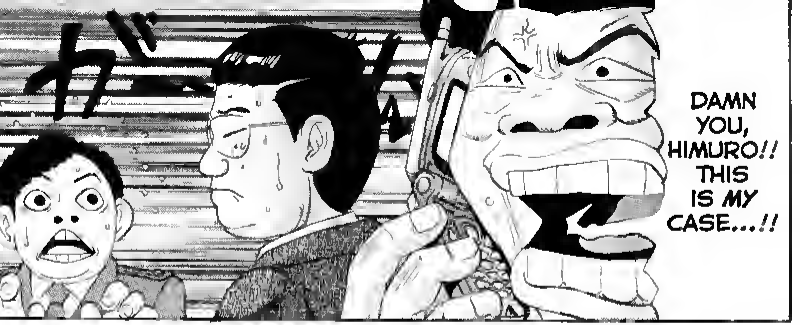
す?

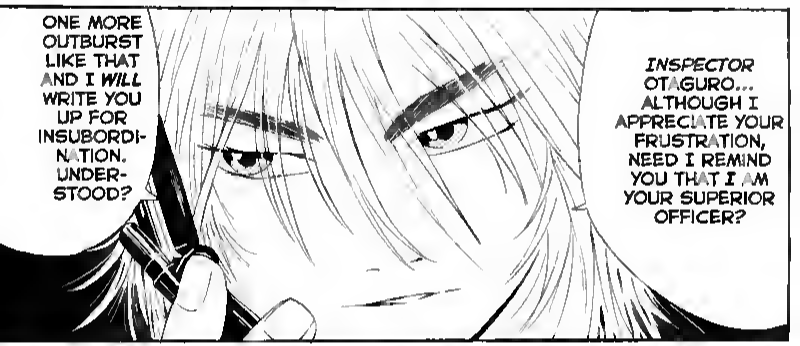
SO...

MEP MEP
...OUR WITNESS SEES THE GIRL ALREADY DEAD FROM ACROSS THE STREET AND CALLS YOU.

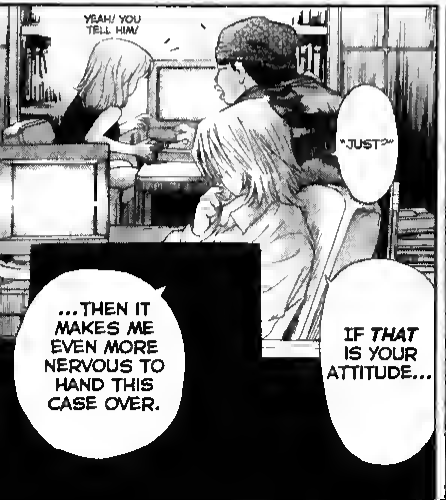
LET'S SEE...HER REAL NAME'S MUTSUMI HINATA...SHE'S TWENTY YEARS OLD...UM, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS HER?
AHEM!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WITH THE KIND OF "GOODS" YOU SELL AND THE TYPE OF CLIENTELE IT ATTRACTS, SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN.
UH...WELL, THE CALLER SAID...
WITH THE HEAD MISSING, HOW CAN YOU MAKE A POSITIVE I.D.?
HE SAID THE HEAD WAS STILL THERE WHEN HE SAW HER, RIGHT?!
THAT HER EYES WERE "WIDE OPEN"?!

N-NO, SIR...! IT'S FOR YOU...
DID YOU FIND THE HEAD?!
WHAT IS IT?!
OFFICER OTAGURO !!
HELLO, INSPECTOR OTAGURO. THIS CASE IS NOW UNDER THE OFFICIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CRYPT. SO BE SURE AND GET YOUR REPORT OVER TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALL RIGHT?




INSPECTOR OTAGURO... ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE YOUR FRUSTRATION, NEED I REMIND YOU THAT I AM YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER?
ONE MORE OUTBURST LIKE THAT AND I WILL WRITE YOU UP FOR INSUBORDINATION. UNDERSTOOD?

*Editor's "Fuzoku" girl is a woman who works in the sex industry.



BUT IT'S JUST A *FUZOKU GIRL MURDER CASE, SO...
...I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED...
Y-YES... I'M SORRY...
...SUPERINTENDENT HIMURO.
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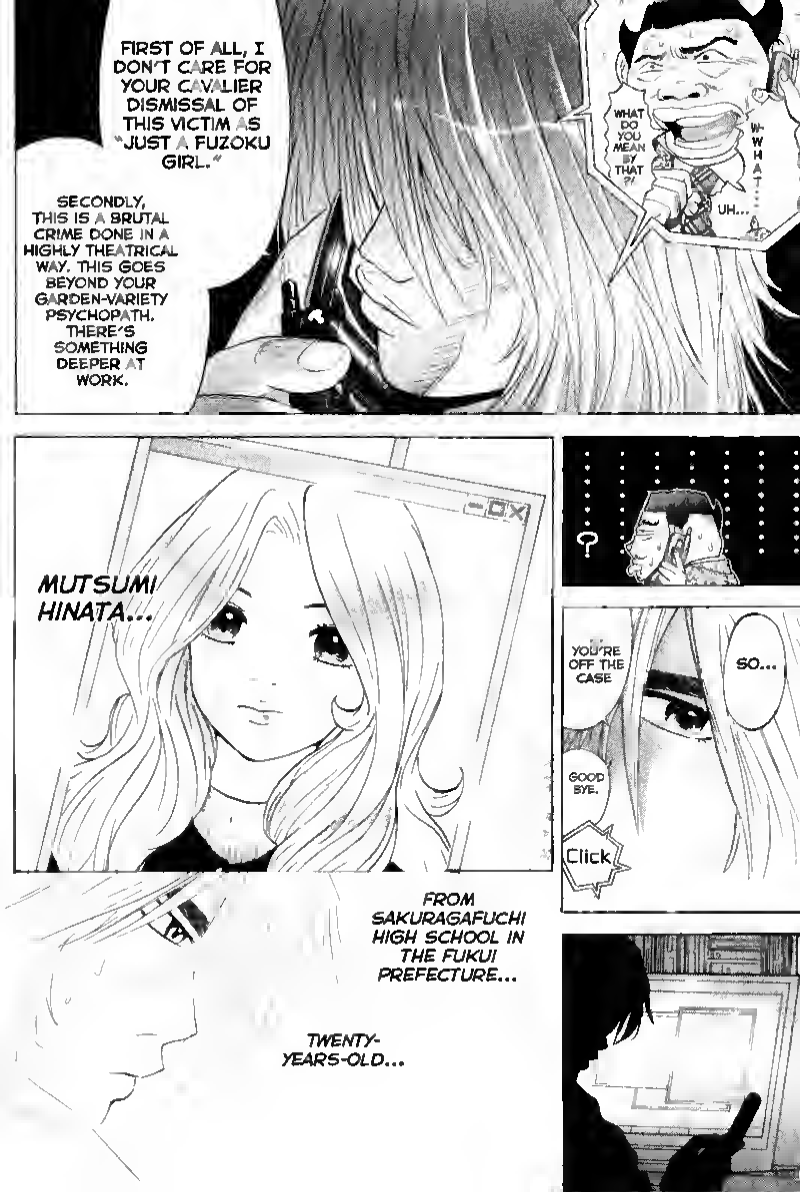
FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T CARE FOR YOUR CAVALIER DISMISSAL OF THIS VICTIM AS "JUST A FUZOKU GIRL."
SECONDLY, THIS IS A BRUTAL CRIME DONE IN A HIGHLY THEATRICAL WAY. THIS GOES BEYOND YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY PSYCHOPATH. THERE'S SOMETHING DEEPER AT WORK.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
W-WHAT...
UH...
MUTSUMI HINATA...
?
YOU'RE OFF THE CASE
SO...
GOOD BYE.
Click
FROM SAKURAGAFUCHI HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FUKUI PREFECTURE...
TWENTY-YEARS-OLD...

KURUMI!
Y-Y-YES?
YOU HAVE A JOB FOR ME, SIR?
YES...
I had a hearty breakfact this morning
WHAT KIND OF CASE DO WE HAVE THIS TIME? I'M READY FOR ANYTHING!
so I'm rarin' to go!
YOU'RE GOING UNDERCOVER.
OH?
WHERE? WHERE?!
Please say fashion show, please say fashion show

THIS TIME... I NEED YOU TO POSE AS A FUZOKU GIRL.
WHAAAAAT?! A...FUZOKU GIRL?!
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WHY DO I...
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE!
FILE 5!
DEATH BLOOMS EROTIC UNDERCOVER IN THE SEX INDUSTRY!

...TO GET INSIDE THE SEX INDUSTRY— WHICH IS WHERE THE MURDER TOOK PLACE.
BECAUSE I NEED YOU...

OH!
...I'M JUST GONNA BE A MASSAGE GIRL, RIGHT?!
WHATEVER THE REASON IS...
A Cabaret Club's the limit!
OFFICER AYAKI, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! THE CRIME DIDN'T TAKE PLACE IN A MASSAGE PARLOR.
YOU'D BE GOING UNDERCOVER IN A PEEP SHOW.
IT'S A SHOP WHERE CUSTOMERS PAY TO WATCH A GIRL THROUGH BINOCULARS WHILE SHE'S PLEASURING HERSELF IN ANOTHER ROOM.
PLEASURING...
...HERSELF...?!

!!
MASTURBATION...
KURUMI... WAIT.
NO!
NO WAY!!
DO YOU KNOW WHO THE VICTIM WAS?!
WHY WOULD I?! NONE OF MY FRIENDS ...
...ARE PERVS !!
OUT OF THE QUESTION! I'LL QUIT, FIRST! I'LL WALK RIGHT OUT OF HERE AND NEVER LOOK BACK!
SEE IF I DON'T!

SHE WAS ON THE SAKURAGAFUCHI HIGH ATHLETIC TEAM...
AGE 20...
ONE YEAR YOUNGER THAN YOU.
SHE WAS WORKING IN THE PEEP ROOM FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE SHE WAS MUROEREO.
AND BEFORE THAT, SHE WORKED AT *ANOTHER* PLACE RUN BY THE SAME OWNER, FOR MORE THAN A *YEAR*.

WHO... WHO WAS MURDERED...?
IT'S YOUR HIGH SCHOOL.
SAKURAGAFUCHI HIGH... YOU DON'T MEAN...
RIGHT.
MUTSUMI HINATA. DID YOU KNOW HER?
AND YOU WERE ON THE ATHLETIC TEAM, CORRECT?
--MUTSUMI -CHAN?!
MU--

A HEADLESS CORPSE WAS FOUND IN A SHINJUKU ESTABLISHMENT CALLED "THE PEEPING TOM" THE OTHER DAY.
THE VICTIM HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MUTSUMI HINATA. SHE WAS WORKING THERE UNDER THE ALIAS "SAKURA"...
MUTSUMI CHAN...
YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU WANTED TO BE AN ACTRESS.
A [illegible] CORPSE?!!
WELL...
...SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I GUESS...

...THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT HE WAS TAKING PICTURES.
BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE SHOP'S SETUP...
THE ONLY WITNESS WE HAVE WAS ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS WHO WAS WATCHING MUTSUMI. WE ALSO HAVEN'T RULED HIM OUT AS A SUSPECT.
UNFORTUNATELY THOUGH, HE HAS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED.
...WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS HE SAW, AND IF HE'S INVOLVED.
?
IF HE GOES TO "THE PEEPING TOM" AGAIN...
...THE HEADLESS CORPSE IS MUTSUMI?! IF THERE'S NO HEAD--
W-WAIT! HOW DO YOU KNOW...

...HAIR AND FINGERPRINT SAMPLES TAKEN FROM MUTSUMI'S APARTMENT...
ACCORDING TO THE FORENSIC REPORT...
WE ALREADY HAVE A MATCH ON FINGER-PRINTS, BLOOD TYPE AND DNA.

...MATCHED THE FINGERPRINTS AND DNA OF THE VICTIM.

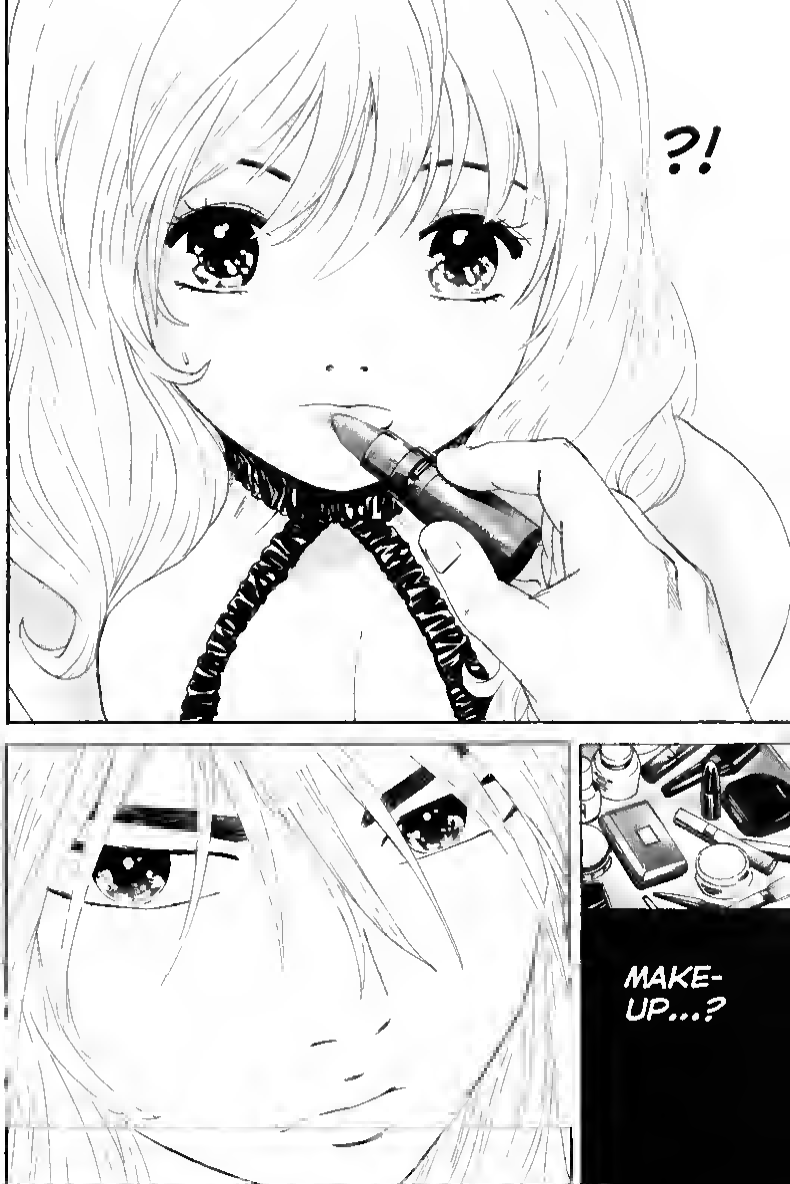
HE GETS *OFF* ON IT. AND HE'LL KILL AGAIN...*IF* YOU DON'T GO UNDERCOVER.
WHOEVER DID THIS ISN'T GOING TO STOP, KURUMI.

IT CAN'T BE...
I JUST SAW MUTSUMI THE OTHER DAY! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

...
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL DO IT.
GOOD GIRL. I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU.
I ALREADY HAD BOB PICK YOU UP SOME CLOTHES.

I HAVE TO WEAR THIS?!
I NEED YOU TO GO TO THE SHOP FOR A JOB INTERVIEW.
SIR... THIS OUTFIT...
IT'S SO SHORT!
Sassy !!
Oh! You look

COME HERE.
YOU CAN ALMOST SEE MY--
WHAT?
HURRY!
WE HAVE NO TIME...!
H-HIMURO?!
OH...
WHAT IS HE... OOH...
STOP SQUIRMING.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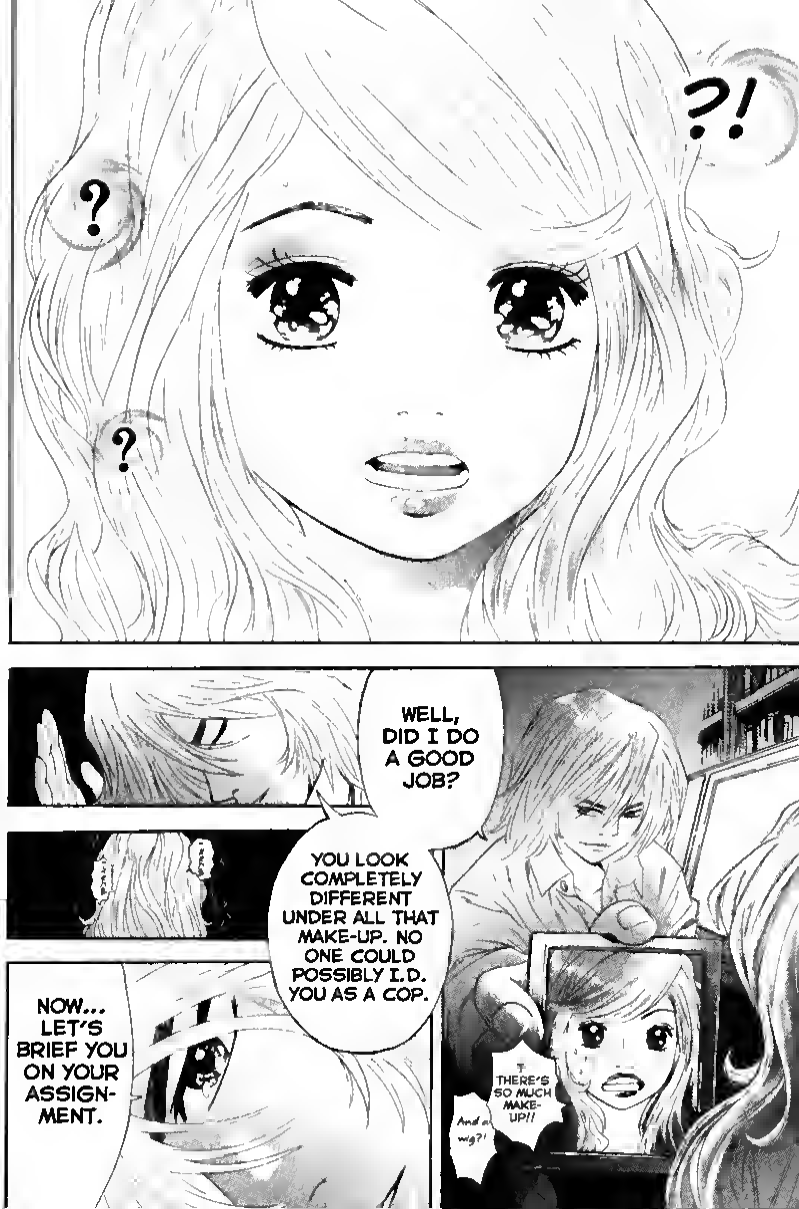
MAKE-
UP...?

...SO...SO CLOSE...
BUT HIS FACE IS...
WHAT BEAUTIFUL EYES...
I FEEL LIKE I COULD JUST KI--
THERE. ALL DONE.
HUH?
BOB-- FINISH HER.
RIGHT BOSS!
WHA... OH!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WELL, DID I DO A GOOD JOB?
YOU LOOK COMPLETELY DIFFERENT UNDER ALL THAT MAKE-UP. NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY I.D. YOU AS A COP.
NOW... LET'S BRIEF YOU ON YOUR ASSIGN-MENT.
THERE'S SO MUCH MAKE-UP!!
And a wig?!

OOOH, THAT HIMURO!
HE'S THE DEVIL!
SCREW YOU! I'LL SHOW YOU...I'M GONNA BE A BAD GIRL, HIMURO!
Sides I already look the part!
!
Suzuki
Kabukicho Ichibangai
HEY--!! YOU!

WHAT?
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT, PAL!
SLOW DOWN, SEXY! I WANNA TALK TO YOU...
I WANT TO HIRE YOU TO WORK IN MY SHOP.
YOUR WHAT?!
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING! YOU LOOKIN' FOR WORK?
SORRY
WHAT?
WHOA!
YOU... YOU'RE A COP?!
C...
C...
Kurumi
Ayaki

SOME OF OUR CUSTOMERS LIKE IT ROUGH!
WITH HANDCUFFS, NIGHTSTICKS...
C'MON
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SO?
YOU'LL DO WELL WITH THAT BADGE...
COOL!!
I...
I'M SORRY...
ズン
NOW GET LOST.
THANKS
HEY...
IS THERE A SHOP CALLED "THE PEEPING TOM" AROUND HERE?
HUH?

NOW OPEN
THE PEEPING TOM
HMMMMM
THE PEEPING TOM
VIEW REAL APARTMENTS WITH LIVE HORNY GIRLS!
SEX ENTERTAINMENT--
SEX ENTERTAINMENT.
THE VICTIM IS FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL...
I HAVE TO DO IT...
ALL RIGHT!
I'LL DO IT! I AM DOING IT!!

CECILMcBEE
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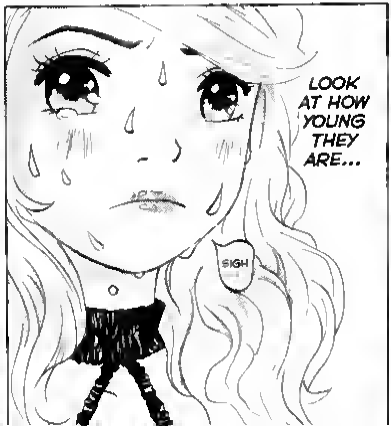
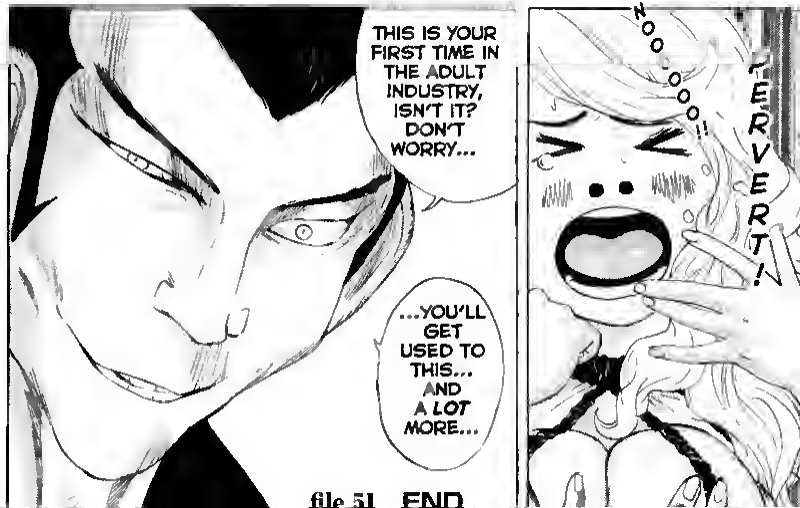

LOOK AT HOW YOUNG THEY ARE...
SIGH

WOW...

WELL, HELLO LITTLE LADY! WHAT A GREAT SET OF... QUALIFI-CATIONS! YOU'RE HIRED!


THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN THE ADULT INDUSTRY, ISN'T IT? DON'T WORRY...
...YOU'LL GET USED TO THIS... AND A LOT MORE...
NOOOOO!!
PERVERT!

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OH MY GOD!
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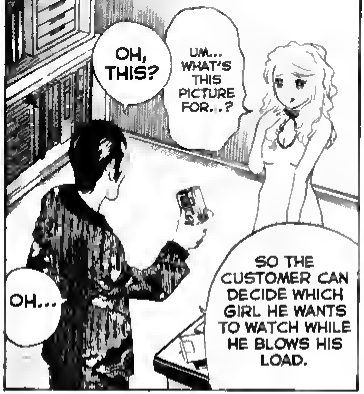
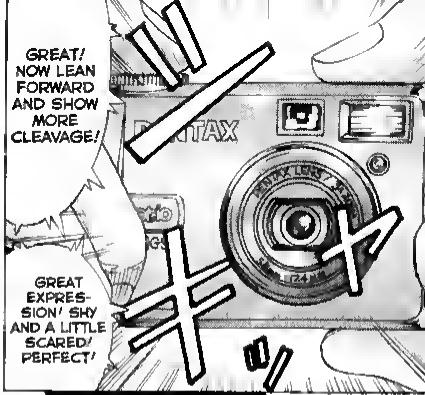

OH, THIS?
UM... WHAT'S THIS PICTURE FOR...?
SO THE CUSTOMER CAN DECIDE WHICH GIRL HE WANTS TO WATCH WHILE HE BLOWS HIS LOAD.
OH...


GREAT! NOW LEAN FORWARD AND SHOW MORE CLEAVAGE!
GREAT EXPRESSION! SHY AND A LITTLE SCARED! PERFECT!
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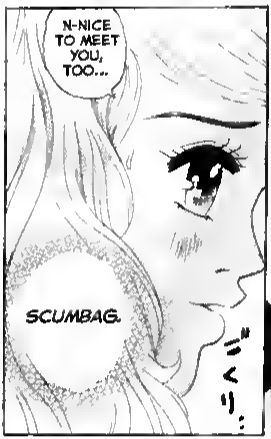
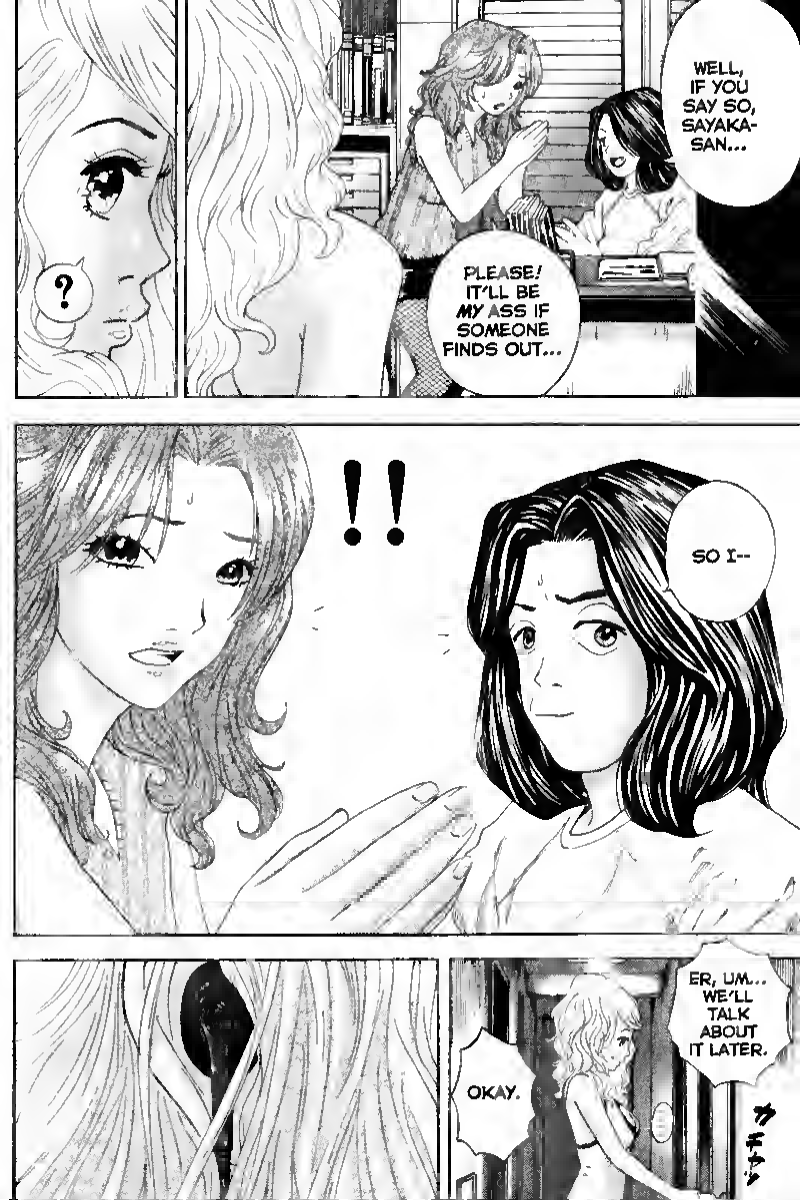

N-NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO...
SCUMBAG.

I'M YUTAKA KARAKI. I'M THE OWNER OF THE PEEPING TOM.
WHERE'RE MY FUCKIN' MANNERS? I HAVEN'T EVEN INTRODUCED MYSELF...
The Peep Show Ltd.
Yutaka Karaki
Owner

WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
NICE TO MEET YOU. HEH HEH HEH...

YUTAKA KAIKI, FORTY-THREE. THE OWNER.
Taka Taka
SIGH...
...I CAN NEVER TELL SHINGO ABOUT THIS...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S PART OF THE JOB...AND SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO...
Now just wait in the lobby, okay honey? I've got to prepare some paperwork.
Taka
Oh... sure...
ISHI-KURA-KUN!
P-PLEASE! KEEP IT SECRET!
?!
IF HE FINDS OUT...
...HE'D NEVER WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN!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PLEASE! IT'LL BE MY ASS IF SOMEONE FINDS OUT...
WELL, IF YOU SAY SO, SAYAKA-SAN...
!!
SO I--
ER, UM... WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER.
OKAY.
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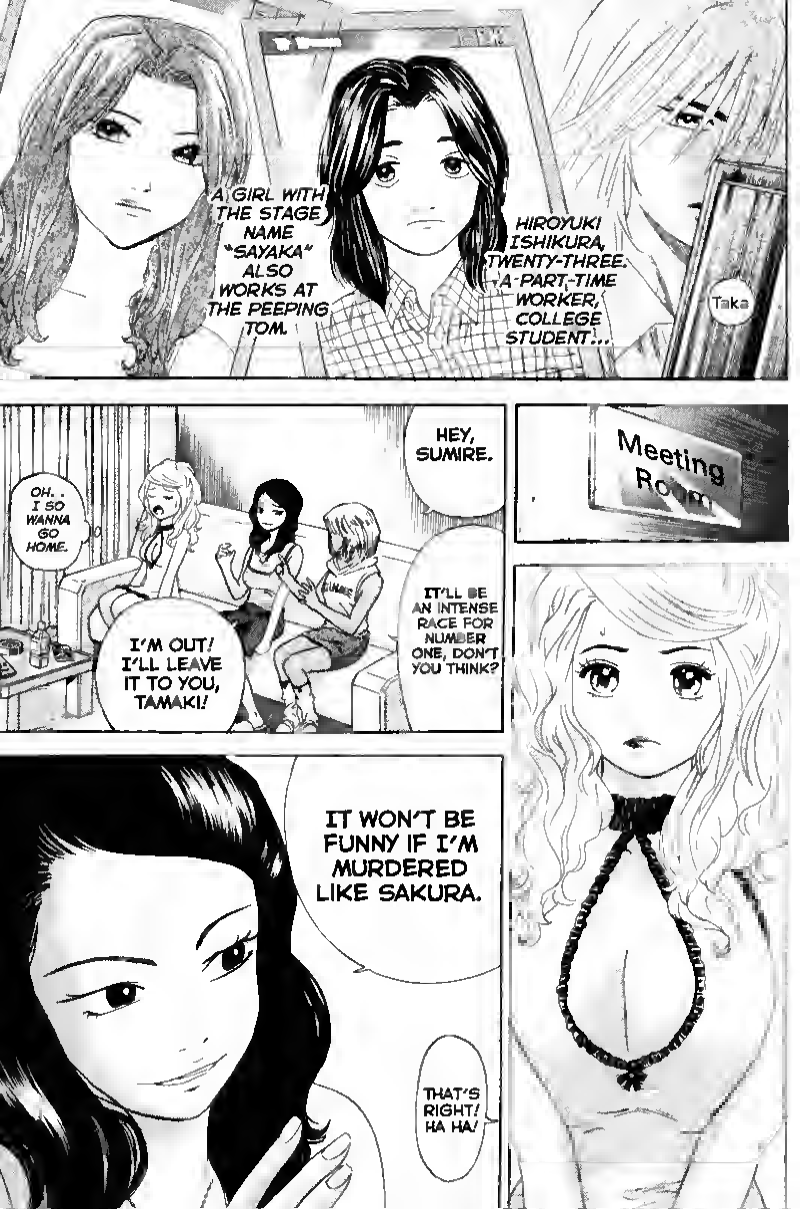
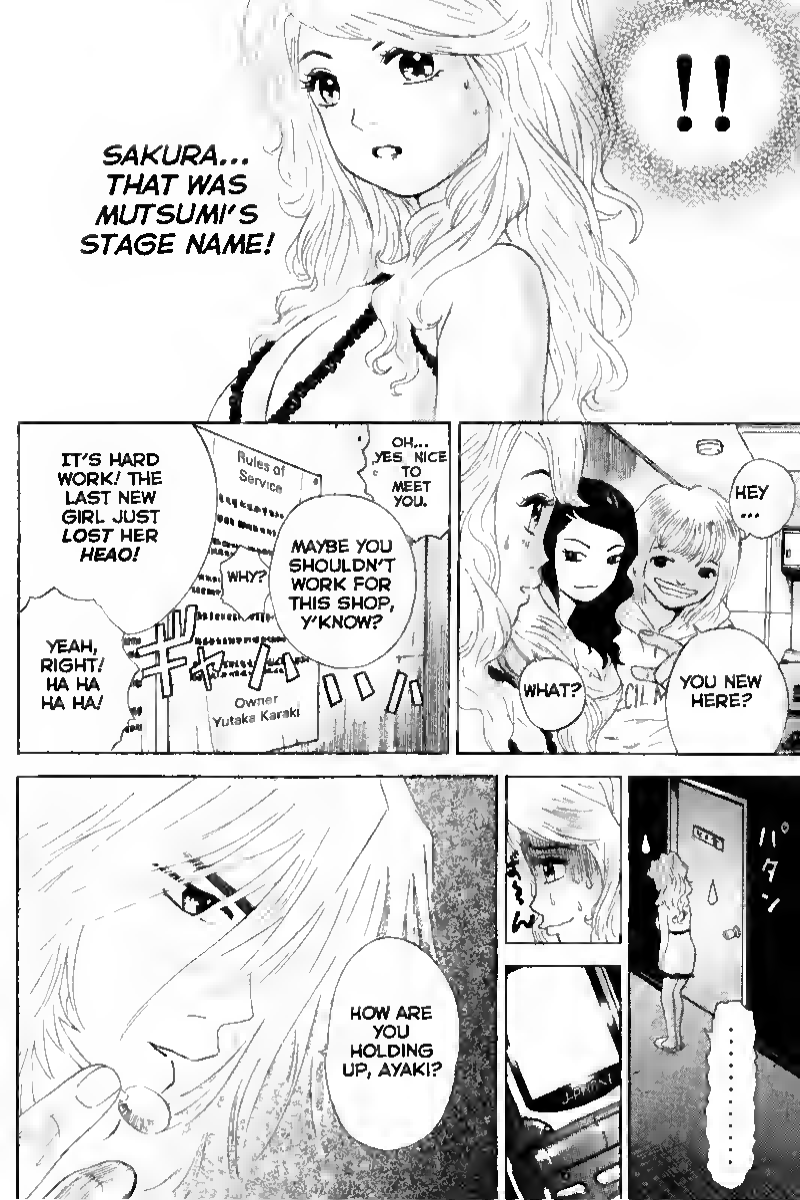

A GIRL WITH THE STAGE NAME "SAYAKA" ALSO WORKS AT THE PEEPING TOM.
HIROYUKI ISHIKURA, TWENTY-THREE. A PART-TIME WORKER, COLLEGE STUDENT...
Taka
HEY, SUMIRE.
OH.. I SO WANNA GO HOME.
IT'LL BE AN INTENSE RACE FOR NUMBER ONE, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'M OUT! I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, TAMAKI!
Meeting Ro
IT WON'T BE FUNNY IF I'M MURDERED LIKE SAKURA.
THAT'S RIGHT! HA HA!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SAKURA... THAT WAS MUTSUMI'S STAGE NAME!
OH... YES NICE TO MEET YOU.
Rules of Service
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T WORK FOR THIS SHOP, Y'KNOW?
WHY?
IT'S HARD WORK! THE LAST NEW GIRL JUST LOST HER HEAD!
YEAH, RIGHT! HA HA HA HA!
Owner Yutaka Karaki
HEY ...
YOU NEW HERE?
WHAT?
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, AYAKI?
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パタン
.....

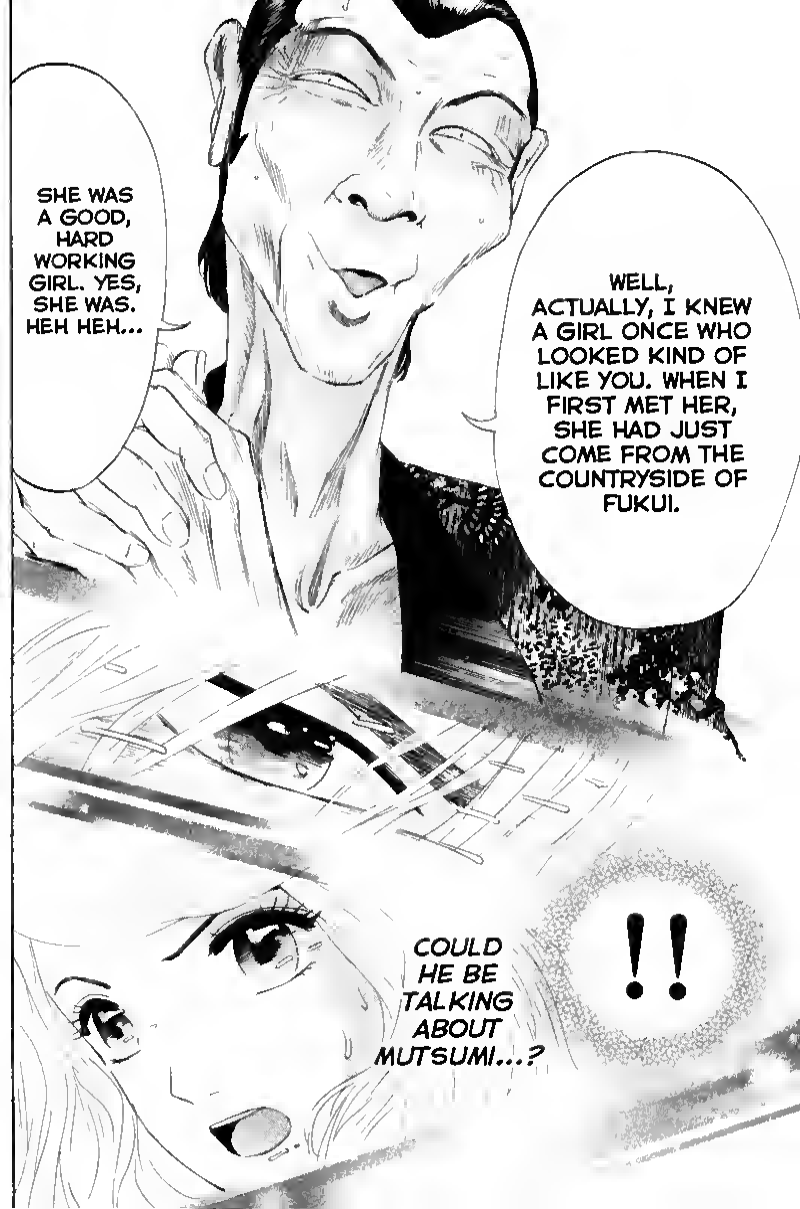
I-I CHANGED MY MIND! I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS! I WANNA GO HOME NOW!
I NEED YOU, KURUMI. MUTSUMI NEEDS YOU.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE IN CONSTANT CONTACT. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'M RIGHT HERE.
STAY SAFE, KURUMI...
WELL...
OH! UM... LET'S SEE...
HI, I'M BOB, JUST ANOTHER SLAVE AT THE CRYPT!
チラ
FAT LOT OF GOOD THAT DOES ME! WHAT CAN YOU DO FROM THE CRYPT?!

!!!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO...?
...
I SEE...
UH...
MY...MY BOY-FRIEND...
HEH!

EW!
SORRY...
DON'T BE. THESE DAYS THERE ARE MANY GIRLS WHO WORK WITH THEIR BOYFRIEND'S... ENCOURAGEMENT.
OH...? IS THAT SO...?
MY SHOP DOESN'T DO SEX OR HAND JOBS, SO...
...YOUR BOYFRIEND HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
YOU JUST SIMPLY LET THE CUSTOMERS LOOK...AT WHAT YOU SECRETLY DO WHEN YOU'RE ALL ALONE.

N-
NO!
I...!
PLAYING...
?!
YOU DO LIKE PLAYING WITH YOURSELF, DON'T YOU? OF COURSE YOU DO.
YOU DO IT ALL THE TIME... DON'T YOU?
JUST TELL HIM WHAT HE WANTS TO HEAR, KURUMI!
AND SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!
Sigh

YOU'RE SO CUTE! SO INNO-CENT!
THE CUSTOMERS WILL PAY EXTRA FOR THAT, YES THEY WILL! YOU'VE JUST COME TO TOKYO, HAVEN'T YOU? HEH HEH...
WHAT?
NO...
I KNEW YOU DID... HEH...
REALLY?
WHAT? YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
I...
I LIKE IT VERY MUCH! YES!
KURUMI! SAY "HOW DID YOU KNOW?"
Oh...
How... how did you know?
YOU DON'T KNOW JACK CREEPO! I'VE BEEN LIVING IN TOKYO FOR FOUR YEARS!
WOW! AMAZ-ING!
I JUST KNOW WOMEN. SOME CALL IT A GIFT. IT'S JUST ONE OF MY MANY "TALENTS"...


SHE WAS A GOOD, HARD WORKING GIRL. YES, SHE WAS. HEH HEH...
WELL, ACTUALLY, I KNEW A GIRL ONCE WHO LOOKED KIND OF LIKE YOU. WHEN I FIRST MET HER, SHE HAD JUST COME FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE OF FUKUI.
!!
COULD HE BE TALKING ABOUT MUTSUMI...?

KURUMI! HE MUST BE TALKING ABOUT OUR VICTIM! KEEP HIM TALKING!
RIGHT ...
WHAT'S HER NAME ...?
WHO WAS SHE?
IDIOT!
WHY...
...WHY DO YOU ASK?
UH...

KURUMI...
...WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL...
TALENT AGENCY!!
...I WANNA BECOME AN ACTRESS IN TOKYO.
MUT-SUMI!!
DOUBTFUL. YOU SEE, I ALSO OWN A *TALENT* AGENCY. THAT'S WHERE I MET *HER*.
I THOUGHT I MIGHT KNOW HER...!
OH... WELL...
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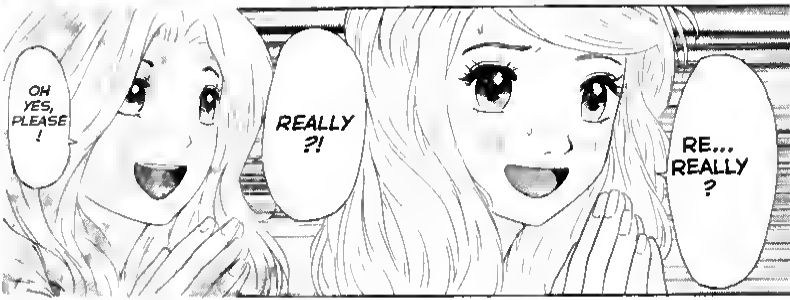
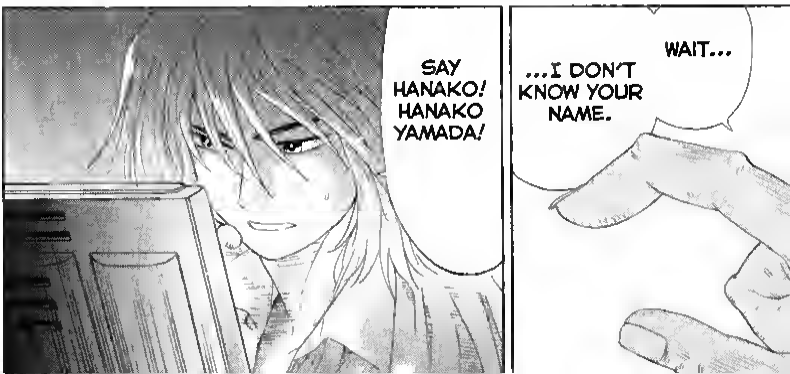
HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE A MAGAZINE MODEL? OR DO YOU WANT TO BE ON TV?
YOU'RE VERY CUTE...SO IF YOU WORK HARD, I'LL GET ANOTHER JOB FOR YOU.


OH YES, PLEASE!
REALLY?!
RE... REALLY?


SAY HANAKO! HANAKO YAMADA!
WAIT...
...I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME.

YOU BASTARO... MAKING ME USE SUCH AN OLO-FASHIONEO, OBVIOUSLY FAKE NAME...!
I'M... HANAKO! HANAKO YAMADA!
DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE A HANAKO YAMADA, CREEP?!
THAT'S A FINE NAME FOR A GRAND-MOTHER...
IT'S AN ANAGRAM OF KURUMI! WOW, HOW WEIRO!
MI... MIRUKU?!
FOR NOW ON YOU'RE... MIRUKU-CHAN!

Good.
OFFICER HIMURO... ABOUT THE GIRL HE WAS TALKING ABOUT...
Right!
ALL RIGHT. I'M IN.
THE GIRL WHO LOOKS LIKE YOU... WOULD PROBABLY BE MUTSUMI HINATA.
I'M BETTING IT'S A FAKE AGENCY CREATED JUST TO RECRUIT FUZOKU GIRLS. THAT'S HOW THAT SLEAZE-PEDDLER KARAKI DRAGGED MUTSUMI INTO THE BUSINESS.
WHAT ABOUT THE TALENT AGENCY?
JUST AS I THOUGHT ...

...AND WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT HOW LONG HE CAN HOLD HIS BREATH.
I'VE GOT A FEELING KARAKI IS UP TO HIS EYEBALLS IN THIS CASE...
UNFOR-GIVABLE!!
EITHER WAY, HE'S GOING TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT.
...OR HE'S COVERING UP FOR THE REAL KILLER.
EITHER KARAKI COMMITTED THE CRIME HIMSELF...
KURUMI...
...WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO SEE A CUSTOMER LIST. DESPITE KARAKI'S DENIAL, I'M BETTING HE KEEPS RECORDS OF SOME SORT.
List? I don't
UNLESS YOU'D RATHER MEET EACH CUSTOMER THE HARD WAY...
N-NO! I'M ON IT!

UH... HELLO. I'M...
GOOD TIMING, SIR!
Peeping Room
The Peep
Tom
THE SOONER I FIND IT, THE SOONER I CAN GET FAR AWAY FROM THESE SLEAZY CREEPS...
OMIGOD!!
KURUMI?! IS THAT YOU?!
NOOOOOO!!
Miruku (21) B34 W24 H36
HOW ABOUT MIRUKU-CHAN? SHE'S FRESH MEAT, JUST STARTED TODAY. YOU'D BE HER "FIRST," SO TO SPEAK. HEH HEH...
WHAT ...?
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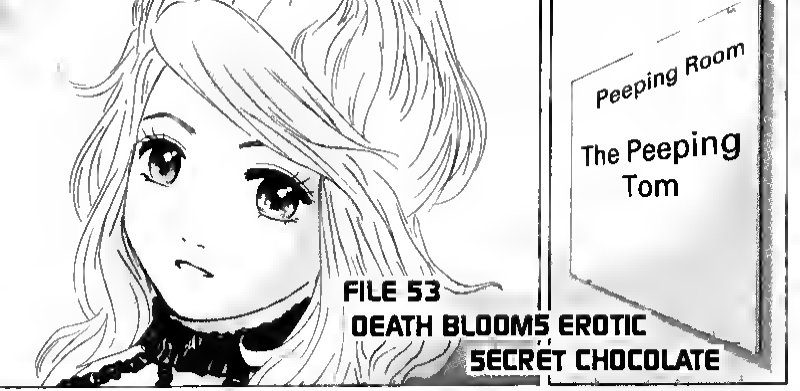
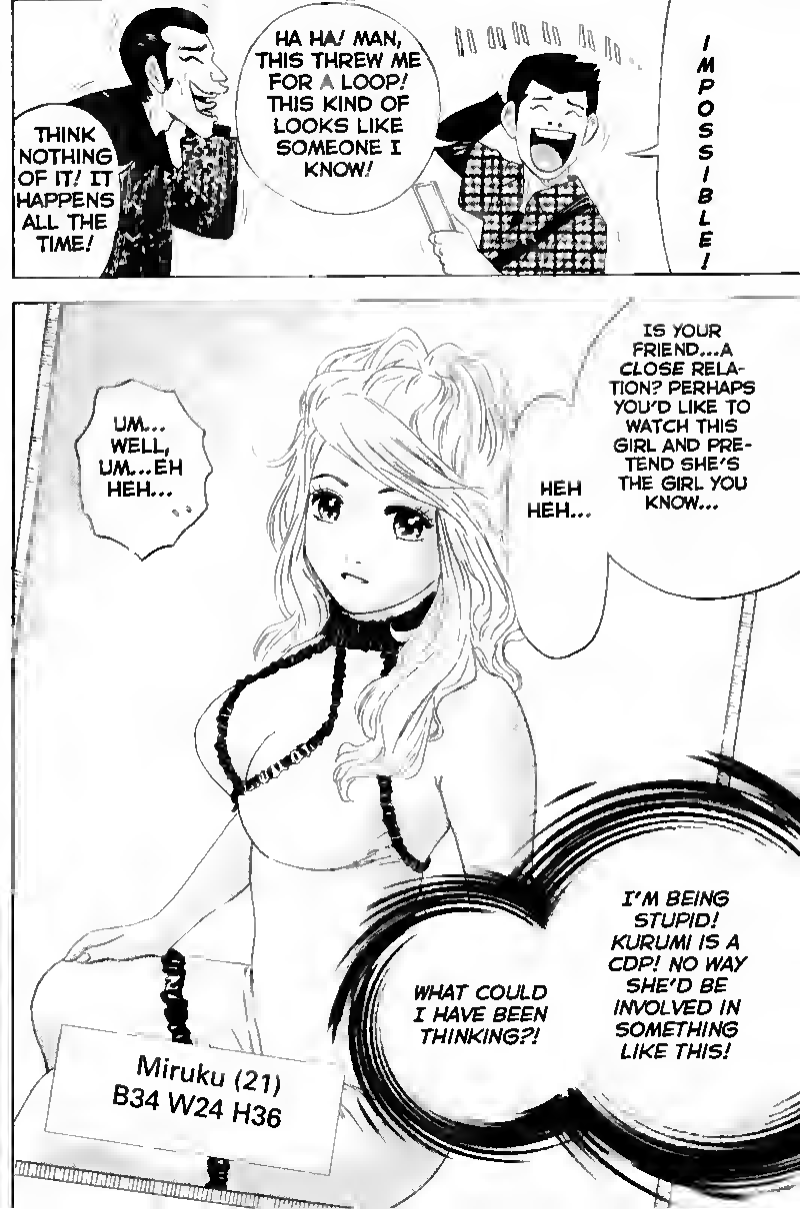


KURUMI IS WORKING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS...?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DO YOU KNOW HER?

THAT'S...

IT--IT CAN'T BE!


THINK NOTHING OF IT! IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!
HA HA! MAN, THIS THREW ME FOR A LOOP! THIS KIND OF LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE I KNOW!
IMPOSSIBLE!
UM... WELL, UM...EH HEH...
HEH HEH...
IS YOUR FRIEND...A CLOSE RELATION? PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO WATCH THIS GIRL AND PRETEND SHE'S THE GIRL YOU KNOW...
Miruku (21)
B34 W24 H36
WHAT COULD I HAVE BEEN THINKING?!
I'M BEING STUPID! KURUMI IS A CDP! NO WAY SHE'D BE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

...I'M A JOURNALIST, AND...
Weekly Kindai
Shingo Kamishima
ACTUALLY...
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR?!
A REPORTER, HMM?
YES...
NOSING AROUND ABOUT THAT MURDER CASE, EH?
SO TELL HIM YOU'RE DOING A SEX PIECE-- GET IT?
IF HE THINKS YOU'RE ON THE MURDER STORY, HE'LL PUCKER UP TIGHTER THAN A SEAL'S ASSHOLE!
OH... UH, NO!
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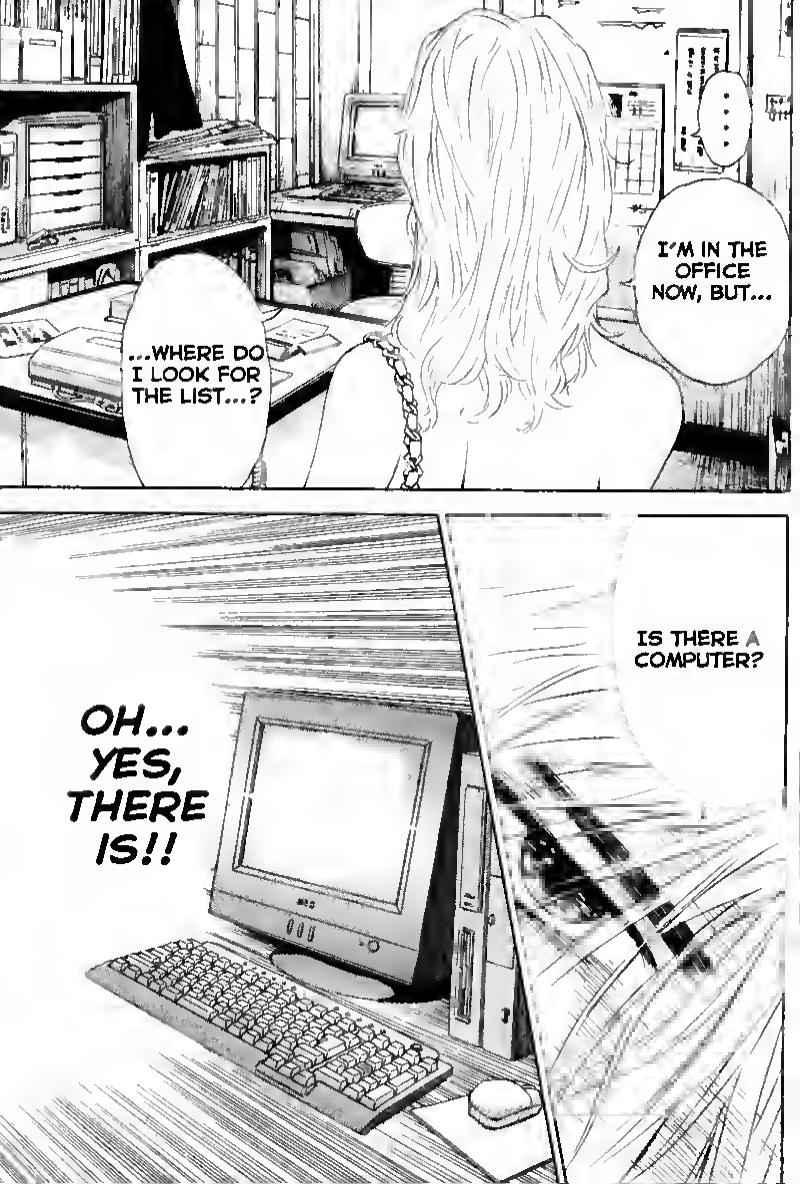
I'M, ER, HERE TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AT YOUR SHOP! Y-YEAH...THAT'S THE TICKET! A REVIEW! SPECIFICALLY ABOUT YOUR INNOVATIVE NEW "APARTMENT" PEEPSHOW!
SORRY, KURUMI... BUT WORK'S WORK!
OH, I SEE...! PARDON MY SKEPTICISM! IT'S JUST THAT THE MEDIA HAS BEEN SO NOSY SINCE THE INCIDENT THAT IT'S HURTING MY BUSINESS, YOU KNOW?
PLEASE, COME IN, COME IN!
FOR A GOOD REVIEW, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET THE BEST SERVICE!
WE'LL SEE...

AGAIN, I MUST EXTEND YOU THE OFFER OF BEING THE *FIRST* TO SAMPLE THE *NEW GIRL!*
SO PURE, SO DELICATE... WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE THE FIRST TO GET A PEEK OF PINK?
HEH HEH HEH...
(21)
SHE REALLY DOES LOOK A LOT LIKE KURUMI...
NO! I CAN'T!! I HAVE KURUMI!
I WOULDN'T WANT HER TO BE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS...! SO HOW CAN I...?!
NOT TO MENTION SHE'S TOTALLY STACKED...
...AND THOSE LUSCIOUS, POUTY LIPS...
SHE'LL DO ANYTHING YOU DESIRE...

I-I'LL TAKE HER.
THANK YOU, SIR.
IT'S UNCANNY HOW MUCH SHE LOOKS LIKE KURUMI...
SO IT'S NOT REALLY CHEATING... RIGHT?
OFFICE
I'm sure some of them do. .
I MEAN, DON'T MOST OF THESE PERVERTS USE A FAKE NAME?
HIMURO... WOULD KARAKI REALLY KEEP A CUSTOMER LIST?
Places like this sometimes keep a list of what the customers like, which girls they prefer, that sort of thing. That's what you're looking for.
..but there's also a high possibility that many regulars pay by credit card...so I'm betting there's a list of those names somewhere.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I'M IN THE OFFICE NOW, BUT...
...WHERE DO I LOOK FOR THE LIST...?
IS THERE A COMPUTER?
OH... YES, THERE IS!!

YOU'VE GOT A CLIENT ALREADY!
HUH?
WAITING ROOM
MIRUKU-CHAN!
SHE NEVER CAME BACK FROM THE BATHROOM, SO...
...MAYBE SHE'S HAVING AN OUTBREAK, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT...
AHA HA HA! YEAH, RIGHT!
I DON'T KNOW.
WHERE'S MIRUKU-CHAN...?

But they wouldn't keep it on the hard drive. Look for a disk.
I'm sure their records are kept on computer for easy updating.

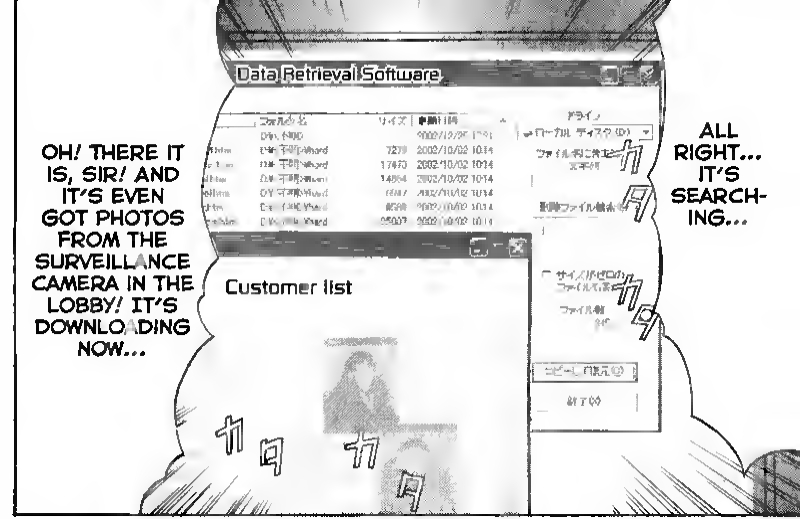
EXCELLENT THINKING, OFFICER.
BUT EVEN AFTER BEING DELETED, THOSE FILES CAN STILL BE RETRIEVED.

RIGHT. THEY PROBABLY DELETE ANYTHING IN THE HARD DRIVE AS A PRECAUTION.

THEY CAN?
REALLY?

DELETING FILES JUST ISSUES A "DELETE COMMAND"...
...RENDERING THE FILE INACCESSIBLE BY ATTACHING A COMMAND THAT SAYS "THIS FILE IS DELETED."
BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF SOFTWARE AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET TO RETRIEVE THE "DELETED" FILES.
I SEE...
IF YOU WANT EVIDENCE OF YOUR BOYFRIEND OR HUSBAND'S AFFAIR...
...IT'S MORE EFFICIENT TO SEARCH THE TRASH CAN ON THE COMPUTER THAN THE *REAL* TRASH CAN IN THE ROOM.

Anyway...
HE'S NEVER EVEN BEEN TO A FUZOKU SHOP!
SHINGO DOES NOT CHEAT ON ME!
...you have the memory card I gave you, right?
YES. I HAVE IT RIGHT HERE.
THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO REMEMBER... ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED SOON.
It should find that list in no time.
Use it to search the C drive.
On it is data retrieval software of my own design.
OKAY...HERE GOES EVERYTHING...


Data Retrieval Software
Customer list
OH! THERE IT IS, SIR! AND IT'S EVEN GOT PHOTOS FROM THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA IN THE LOBBY! IT'S DOWNLOADING NOW...
ALL RIGHT... IT'S SEARCHING...
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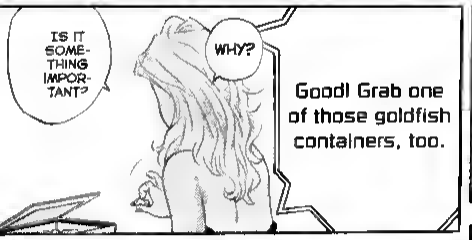
THE PHOTOS ARE A LITTLE GRAINY, BUT THE IMAGE QUALITY IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR A POSITIVE ID...
OH...!

BINGO.
NOW SAVE THEM TO THE MEMORY CARD.
IT'S SAVING THE DATA NOW!
OKAY... GOT IT!
Just right click and save, Kurumi.
HOW DO I...
UH...
SORRY. I'M A MAC PERSON, NOT PC...
!!

I THINK I DESERVE A TREAT FOR A JOB WELL DONE!
OH, HEY! SOMEONE LEFT A BOX OF GODIVO CHOCOLATES ON THE DESK! HOW CARELESS...
GODIVO
Chocolatier
Kurumi? Are you there?
WHAT?!

WHAT?!
Yeah...it's just that there's a syringe and some goldfish soy sauce containers in the chocolate box


IS IT SOME-THING IMPOR-TANT?
WHY?
Good! Grab one of those goldfish containers, too.

OOH! THE FILE'S DONE!

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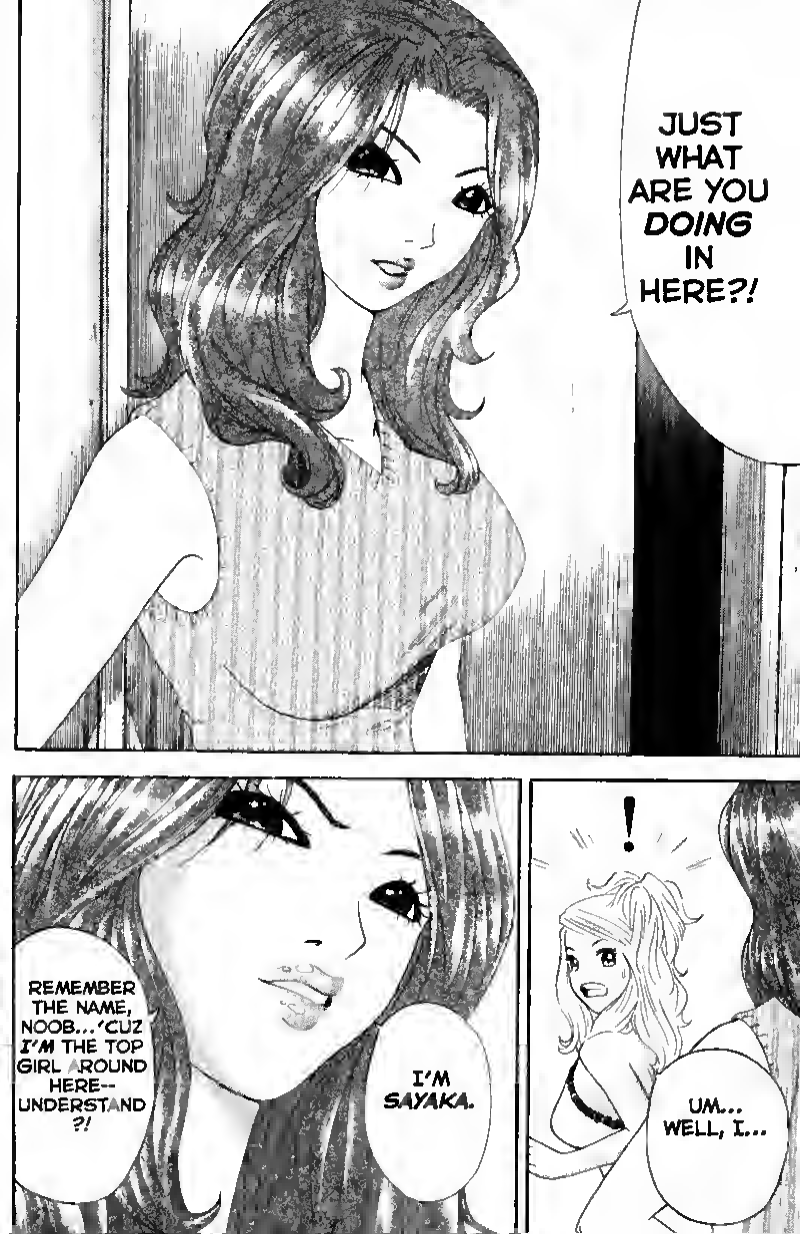
MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED!


JUST WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* IN HERE?!
UM... WELL, I...
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I'M *SAYAKA*.
REMEMBER THE NAME, NOOB... 'CUZ *I'M* THE TOP GIRL AROUND HERE-- UNDERSTAND ?!

THE OWNER AND ISHIKURA WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!
R-RIGHT! ON MY WAY!
GRRRRR

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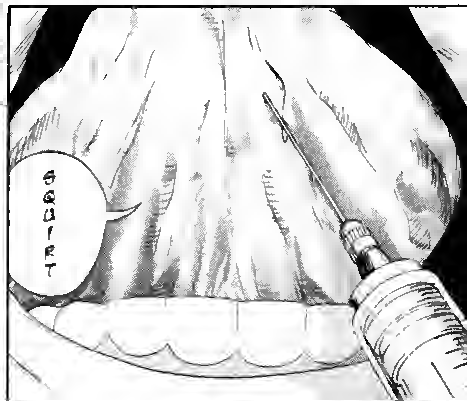
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B-BUT I...I THOUGHT I DIDN'T START UNTIL *TOMORROW!* I MEAN, I *JUST* GOT HIRED, SO I...
I-I HAVE A JOB *ALREADY?!*
SEE...?
Click
?
DUTY CALLS, MIRUKU-CHAN...AND THIS IS A *VERY* IMPORTANT CLIENT!
GO TO YOUR ROOM NOW...AND PUT ON A SHOW HE'LL NEVER FORGET! I'LL MONITOR HIS REACTION FROM HERE.

...SNEAKY LITTLE LOW-LIFE CREEP!
SO THIS IS HOW KARAKI GETS THE PICTURES FOR HIS FILES...
HUH?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE DOING HERE?
WHAAAAT?! SHI-- SHINGO?!
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CLIENT! YOU GET HIM OFF, AND YOU CAN HAVE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF!
HURRY, NOW! HE'S WAITING TO SEE YOU GET YOURSELF WET!

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SHINGO IS THE CUSTOMER WHO CALLED ON ME?!
WHAAAAAAT?!
FILE 54 DEATH BLOOMS EROTIC SHOW AND TELL
WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NO IT'S OKAY I...
OH NO! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
I CAN'T BLOW MY COVER! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THIS CREEP WOULD DO IF HE FOUND OUT I'M A COP! BUT SHINGO...I CAN'T...
LOOK--MY REPUTATION'S AT STAKE, HERE! THE CUSTOMER IS EXPECTING YOU TO--
YOU'RE NOT GETTING COLD FEET, ARE YOU GIRLY?

...AND HE'S HERE TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE SHOP! AND WITH LAST WEEK'S LITTLE "INCIDENT," I NEED ALL THE POSITIVE PRESS I CAN GET!
PLEEEEASE, MIRUKU-CHAN! JUST FOR THIS CUSTOMER! HE'S A JOURNALIST FOR A WEEKLY MAGAZINE...
...HE'S ONLY DOING HIS JOB...
HE'S JUST...
AN ARTICLE?
OH?
SHINGO WOULD NEVER WILLINGLY GO TO A PLACE LIKE THIS!
I SEE...IT WAS HIS WORK...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!

I CAN GO HOME AFTER THIS ONE CUSTOMER... RIGHT?
IF SO... I'LL DO IT!!
OH! THANK YOU, MIRUKU-CHAN! I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN! I REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT!
AND YES, NO MORE FOR TODAY!
BUT I'LL HAVE A FULL PLATE FOR YOU TOMORROW... HEH HEH. LET'S GET YOU TO YOUR ROOM.
WELL ...
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OH!
AW, COME ON! HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO WAIT?
SWEET BABY CORN! THERE SHE IS!
WHOA, BABY!

...
KURUMI
SHE REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE...
IT'S NOTHING HE WON'T SEE ON OUR WEDDING NIGHT...
Notice: Lamp flashes red when your customer is watching
FLASH
RELAX, KURUMI...
...IT'S JUST YOUR FIANCÉ... JUST SHINGO... RIGHT?
ALL RIGHT... JUST RELAX... IT'S JUST SHINGO. HERE GOES...
SNAP
SHINGO...

I...I'M GLAD IT'S YOU...
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I WISH IT REALLY WAS KURUMI...!!
OMIGOD! SHE IS SO HOT! WOOOO! KURUMI...!
GONNA BE A GUSHER...
WHERE'S THE TISSUE?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE...
...I'M DOING THIS!
HOLY BEAVER SHOT, BATMAN! SHE'S TAKING OFF!
...HER PANTIES, TOO!!

OH... OH! HERE COMES THE THUN-DER... OH...

I... I CAN'T!
THAT'S AS FAR AS I GO!

OH GOD...I WON-DER IF SHINGO REALIZES IT'S ME?!

I WONDER... IF WATCHING ME WAS AS EXCITING FOR HIM AS IT WAS FOR ME?

THAT'S IT?!
DAMMIT, ISHIKURA! THAT BITCH IS A FUCKING TEASE!

Y-YEAH...
STILL... SHE'S GOT A HOT LITTLE BODY... MAYBE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TEACH HER THE ROPES... PERSONALLY
HEH... LOOK AT YOU, BOY. YOU'RE SPENT.
THANKS!
HERE...
ENJOY!
...THIS GIRL COULD BRING IN MORE THAN MUTSUMI EVER DID!
WITH A LITTLE... INSTRUCTION...
REALLY?

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NOT BAD, MIRUKU-CHAN!
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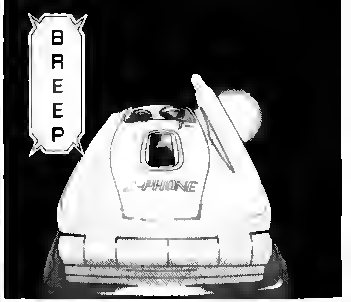
I-I'M SORRY I DIDN'T TAKE OFF EVERY-THING...
NO, HE BETTER NOT BE!
OH, NO, NO-- THAT WAS PER-FECT! YOU WHET THE CUSTOM-ER'S APPETITE, AND HE'LL WANT TO SEE MORE! I THINK HE'LL BE A REGULAR!
NEXT TIME YOU'LL PULL BACK THE CURTAINS, AND THEN AFTER THAT YOU'LL LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING!
OKAY...
SEE YOU TOMORROW, THEN!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! I'M OUT!
I FEEL LIKE I REALLY HAVE BECOME A FUZOKU GIRL.


BEEP
PHONE

KURUMI ?

IS THAT A JOKE?! IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY?!
WELL, IT'S NOT! THIS ISN'T EASY FOR ME, YOU KNOW!
Get back here. I need that customer list right away.
GRRR
HE'S NOT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL!

HEH...
WELL, AT LEAST YOU KNOW YOU COULD STILL MAKE A LIVING EVEN IF YOU WERE FIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! I'M ON MY--
--OH!
FLIP
MUTSUMI...
MUTSUMI... WHY?
GO, SENPAI!
HOW COULD SHE...
...HAVE ENDED UP IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?

WHY...
...WOULD ANYBODY...
...KILL YOU?!

HUH? OH GREAT... THIS IS ALL I NEED...
HEEEEY!!
WHAT?
HI, OFFICER! YOU DONE FOR TODAY?
WANNA MAKE A LITTLE ON THE SIDE?
OF COURSE I DO!
I WAS THE ONE THAT SCOUTED HER!
WHAT?!
WHY DO YOU HAVE HER PICTURE?
ISN'T THAT MUT-SUMI?
DO... DO YOU KNOW HER?!

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KARAOKE
IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I THINK...
KARAKI-SAN FROM THE PEEPING TOM ASKED ME TO SCOUT FOR CUTE GIRLS...
...SUPPOSEDLY FOR...

THAT BASTARD...!
SO KARAKI IS DRAGGING GIRLS FROM THE TALENT AGENCY INTO FUZOKU...
SHE WASN'T THAT TYPE AT ALL...
BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY MUTSUMI WENT ALONG WITH IT.

...HIS TALENT AGENCY.
BUT SOMEHOW, MUTSUMI-CHAN ENDED UP IN THE FUZOKU SHOP.

Y'KNOW, MUTSUMI WAS A NICE GIRL. I'M SORRY I EVER INTRODUCED HER TO "CHASER" KARAKI...
BUT I NEEDED THE MONEY...
!!
HE TURNS GIRLS FROM HIS TALENT AGENCY...
"CHASER KARAKI"...?
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
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He turns them into *junkies*?!
SSSSH! YOU NEVER KNOW WHO'S LISTENING...!
I KNEW IT... THAT CREEP!
IT'S RUMORED KARAKI IS CONNECTED WITH THE YAKUZAS...
...SO IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SAY NO.

A MASSAGE PARLOR YOU DO "HAPPY ENDINGS"?
OR MAYBE...
THE PEEPING TOM IS NO GOOD. I'LL TAKE YOU TO A SAFER SHOP.
SEE? YOU SHOULD SWITCH PEEP JOINTS. MISS
He can help our investigation.
Kurumi--this is your opportunity. Cozy up to the scout.
He might know something
Trust me. These "talent" scouts know everyone in town.
THAT LOOK... YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT CHANGING SHOPS AREN'T YA?!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
WHAAAT?!
THIS GUY'S GREASIER THAN A FAT MAN'S BIB!

I REALLY AM A COP! I'M WORKING UNDERCOVER ON MUTSUMI'S MURDER CASE!
AND YOU... YOU'RE GOING TO HELP MY INVESTIGATION!
NO...
SURE I'LL HELP. HAVE YOU TALKED TO MUTSUMI'S FRIENDS?
WELL, I DON'T THINK SHE HAD MANY...
...AND...
YOU'RE REALLY A COP? I THOUGHT THAT WAS A PUT-ON...! LIKE SOME KINDA KINKY DOMINATRIX THING!
THIS WILL NOT END WELL...
Y'KNOW, HANDCUFF ME, CHECK THE OIL WITH THE NIGHTSTICK? WOW!

...I THINK...
...I KNOW WHO KILLED HER!
I'VE SEEN HER QUITE A FEW TIMES. MUTSUMI WAS TALKING TO A WOMAN WITH HER FACE WRAPPED IN BANDAGES...
A REAL FREAK JOB, Y'KNOW? IT'S "THE FACELESS WOMAN" THAT FUZOKU PEOPLE TALK ABOUT.
THE FACE-LESS WOMAN ...?!

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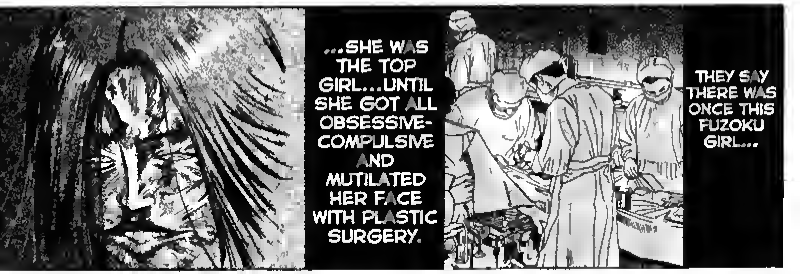
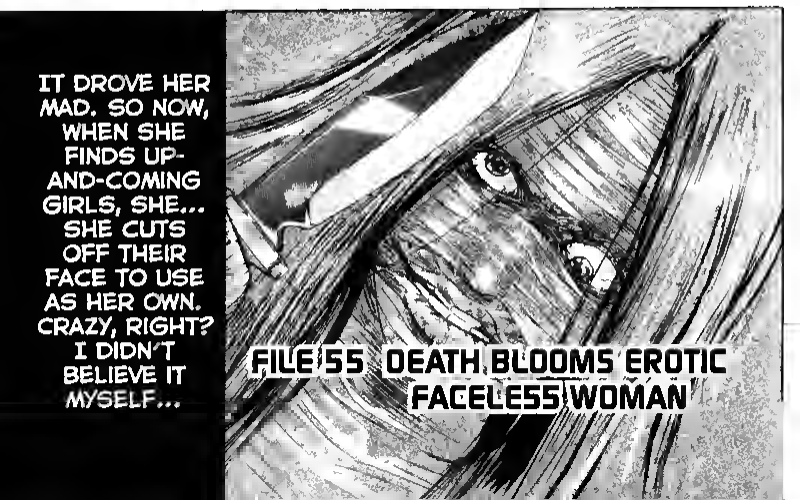
IT'S TRUE!
—WHAT IS THIS, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA?! HE EXPECTS ME TO BELIEVE—


...SHE WAS THE TOP GIRL...UNTIL SHE GOT ALL OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE AND MUTILATED HER FACE WITH PLASTIC SURGERY.
THEY SAY THERE WAS ONCE THIS FUZOKU GIRL...


IT DROVE HER MAD. SO NOW, WHEN SHE FINDS UP-AND-COMING GIRLS, SHE... SHE CUTS OFF THEIR FACE TO USE AS HER OWN. CRAZY, RIGHT? I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF...
FILE 55 DEATH BLOOMS EROTIC FACELESS WOMAN

IS SHE THE ONE WHO KILLED MUTSUMI?!

...TALKING TO MUTSUMI!!
...UNTIL I SAW HER WITH MY OWN EYES...
OMIGOD! COULD IT REALLY BE THIS "FACELESS WOMAN"?!

SHI--
SHINGO?
SHINGO
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BREEP
?
OH, HI, SHINGO!
HELLO?
DID HE REALIZE IT WAS ME...?!
I-I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW...!
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT? OH...
DOES HE KNOW?
KURUMI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW? I WANT TO SEE YOU!
NO-THING...
I JUST WANTED TO GET TOGETHER, IS ALL...
I KNEW I WAS BEING SILLY! NO WAY WAS THAT GIRL MY KURUMI!
NO WAY!
Oh! Well, let's have lunch tomorrow!

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OHH, IT'S GOOD...
OHHH, BABY...
HEY, SHINGO...
W-what's that slapping noise?!
UH... IT'S THE TV!
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WHAT?!
OH...
...JUST CHOKING THE CHICK --EEP!
What are *you* doing now?!
I managed to convince her I meant "cooking some chicken." Kurumi must never know I'm addicted to The Peep Room...
Never.

The next day...
THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL AN URBAN LEGEND.
BUT THIS ONE MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE BASIS IN FACT.
A WITNESS SAYS "THE FACELESS WOMAN" WAS TALKING TO MY FRIEND BEFORE SHE WAS MURDERED.
RIGHT, LIKE KIDNEY HARVESTING, OR THE POODLE IN THE MICROWAVE...
WHAT?
URBAN LEGEND?
I SEE...
WHAT?
YOUR FRIEND WAS MURDERED?! HEY!
OH... YEAH, KIND OF.
DAMN! ME AND MY BIG MOUTH!
YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE DECAPITATION CASE THAT HAPPENED AT A PEEP ROOM, ARE YOU?!

GOOD THING I DIDN'T RUN INTO HER OVER THERE!
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS INVESTIGATING THAT CASE...!
WHAT A RELIEF!
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE PUTTING IT TOGETHER...
MY DEAR SHINGO... THICK AS A BRICK...
OH, UM... THANKS!
WHAT?
OH, NO! WHAT IF HE DOES FIGURE IT OUT?!
IF I GET ANY LEADS, I'LL BE SURE TO PASS 'EM YOUR WAY!
KURUMI! I'M ACTUALLY WRITING ABOUT THE SAME CASE!

THIS IS OUR GUY. A REGULAR WHO CALLS HIMSELF "TANAKA."
I FINISHED ANALYZING THE CUSTOMER LIST.
SO DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER, OFFICER.
MORE "NORMAL" PEOPLE FREQUENT THOSE SHOPS THAN YOU THINK.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A FUZOKU SHOP, OFFICER HIMURO?
I BET HE HAS!
WOW...! JUST LOOK AT THIS GUY! JUST THE TYPE OF FREAK WHO'D BE INTO FUZOKU!

ANYWAY...
...ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE MUST...
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...
OOPS
SORRY...!
UH...
...GET ANY PHOTOS THAT "TANAKA" MAY HAVE BEEN TAKING DURING THE INCIDENT.
TO DO THAT--
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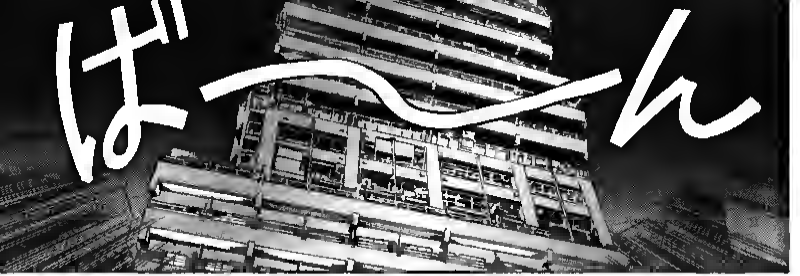
OR NOT...
WANTED!!
OOH! WE PUT THIS PERVERT ON THE WANTED LIST AND SEARCH FOR HIM ALL OVER JAPAN, RIGHT?!
DO YOU EVER THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK?
WE CAN'T ARREST SOMEONE WITHOUT *EVIDENCE* THAT THEY'VE COMMITTED A *CRIME*.

SO HOW DO WE FIND HIM?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT...!
Devil Devil Devil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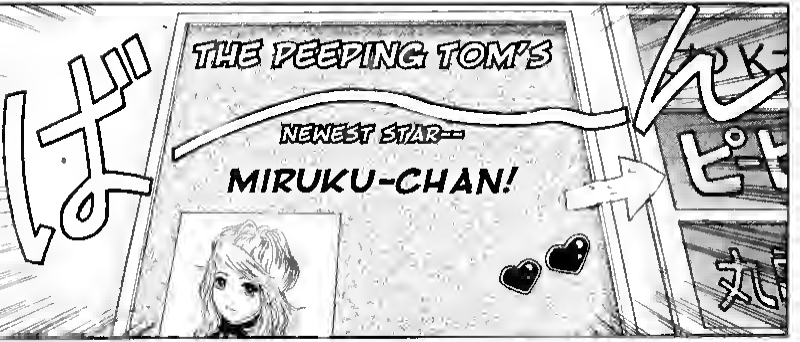
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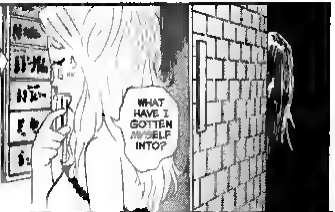
THE PEEPING TOM'S
NEWEST STAR--
MIRUKU-CHAN!

...THEY'RE TRYING TO PROMOTE ME!!
EVEN IN THE ELEVATOR HALL...
WHAT'S THIS?!


WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?

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THE WEEPING TOMB
NEWEST
MIRUKU-
AH, MIRUKU-CHAN! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
!
MR. KARAKI !!
LOOKS GOOD, HUH? THAT TIGHT LITTLE ASS OF YOURS IS GOING TO REEL IN A LOT OF CUST-OMERS!
GIVE OUR JOHNS A RAISE, AND MAYBE YOU'LL GET ONE! HA HA!
HA HA HA!
W-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!

MIRUKU-CHAN!
I MEAN, MY PICTURE'S RIGHT ON IT!
BUT... YOU'VE GOT MY POSTER WHERE EVERY-ONE CAN SEE IT!!
WHAT IF ONE OF MY FRIENDS SEES THIS?!
WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT? YOU'RE A COUNTRY GIRL, RIGHT?
NO ONE KNOWS YOU HERE, REMEMBER?
GOD, IF ONLY THAT WERE TRUE...
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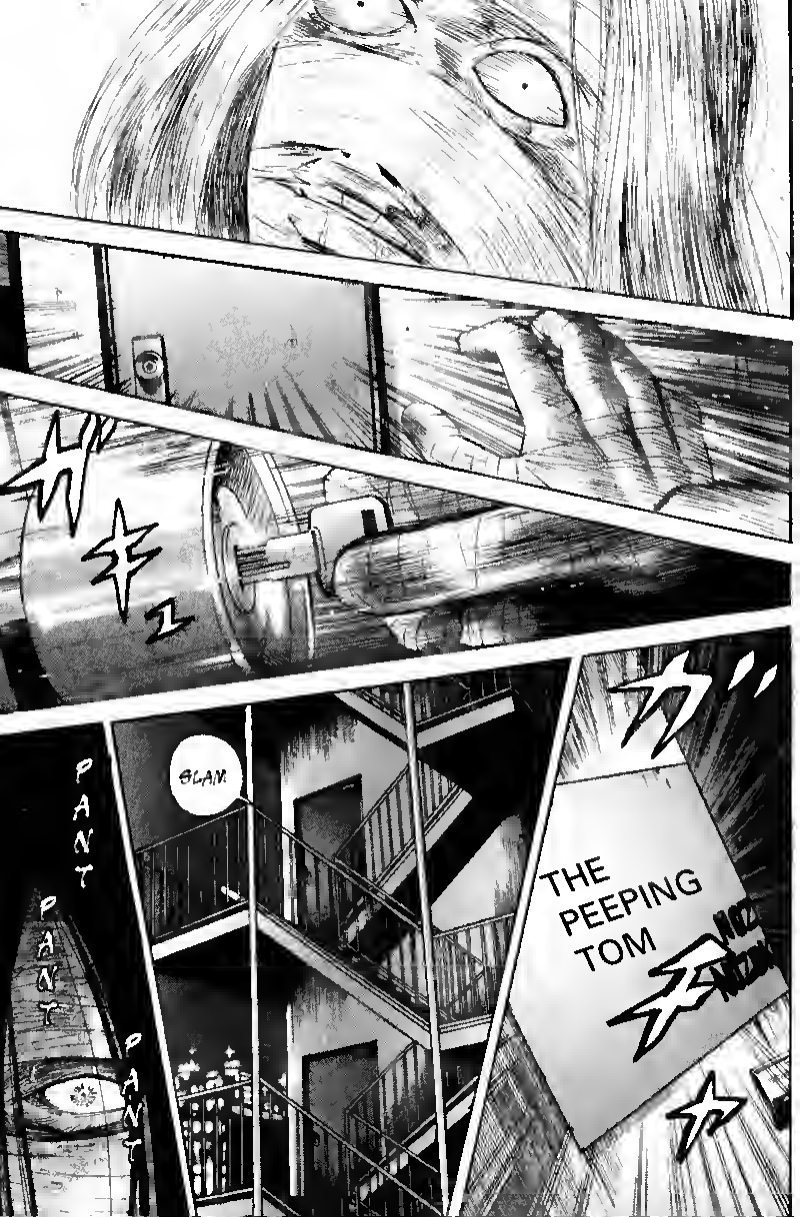
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THE PEEPING TOM

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UNH...!
SIGH...

JUST IN CASE...
...I SHOULD MAKE SURE I'VE GOT A CLEAR PATH TO THE EMERGENCY STAIRS.
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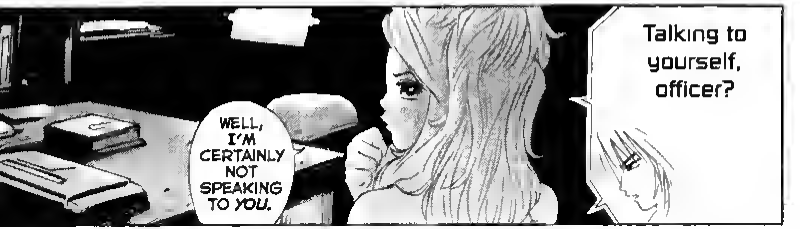
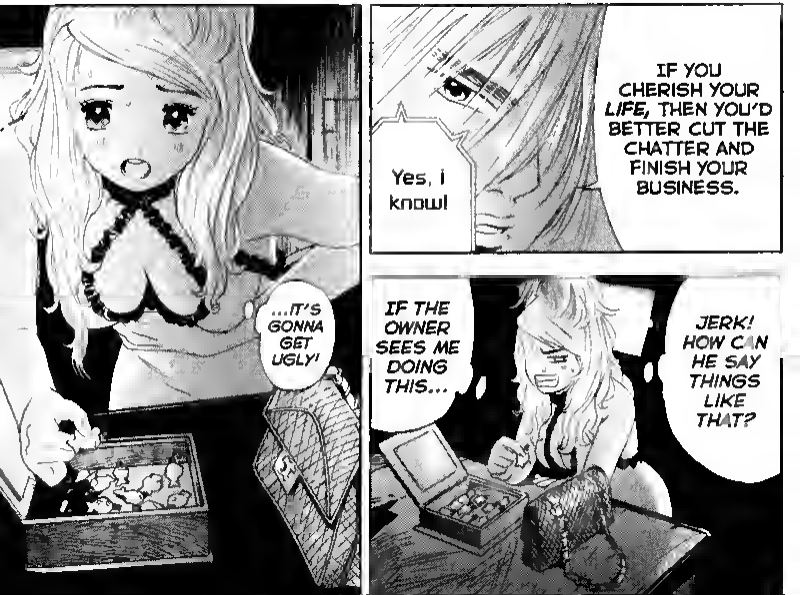

Talking to yourself, officer?
WELL, I'M CERTAINLY NOT SPEAKING TO YOU.


IF YOU CHERISH YOUR LIFE, THEN YOU'D BETTER CUT THE CHATTER AND FINISH YOUR BUSINESS.
Yes, I know!
...IT'S GONNA GET UGLY!
IF THE OWNER SEES ME DOING THIS...
JERK! HOW CAN HE SAY THINGS LIKE THAT?

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HUH...?!

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YOUR FACE SO BEAUTIFUL
IT'S HER!! THE FACELESS WOMAN!!
ARE YOU... THE BEST?

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FILE 56 DEATH BLOOMS EROTIC
KURUMI CAPTURED

KURUMI!! WHAT'S WRONG?!
NOOOO!! HELP!!
SHE--
--SHE'S GOT A MEAT CLEAVER !!

PULL YOUR GUN OUT!!
THE GUN ...!!
MEAT CLEAVER?!
WELL, UH... UH...
I'M NOT READY ...
THE GUN!!
Y-- YES!
Draw your weapon, officer!!
AAAH!! WAIT...!! DON'T MOVE!!
DON'T MAKE ME SHOOT YOU!! I MEAN IT!! DON'T--!!

HUH?!
What's going on?!
S-SHE'S GONE!! SHE RAN AWAY!!
Did your gun scare her off?
N-NO...JUST NOW PULLED IT OUT...
SHE RAN AWAY BEFORE I COULD UNHOLSTER IT!
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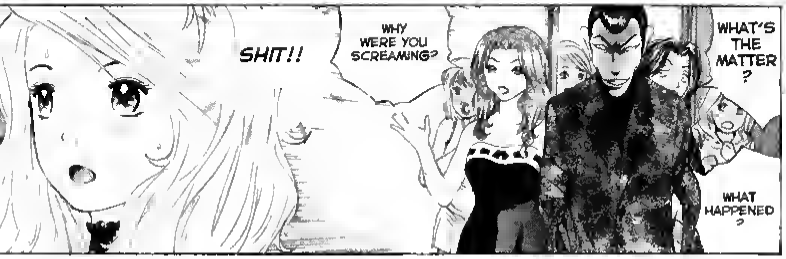
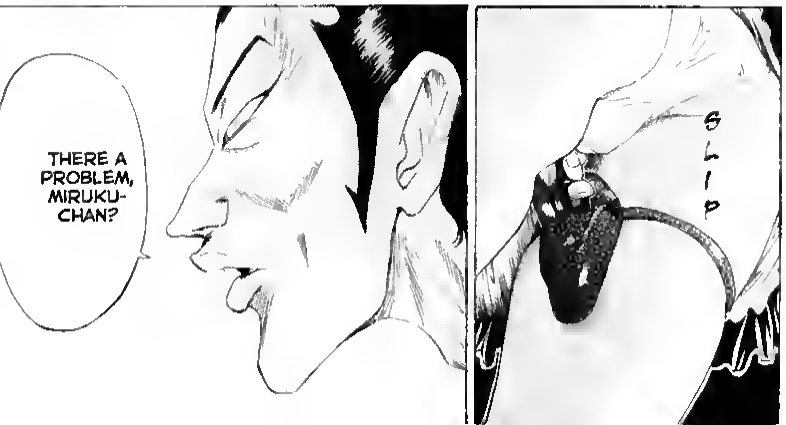
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! FOLLOW HER!
Screw that! No way, man!
She's the faceless woman! What if she chops my head off like she did with Mutsumi?!

YOU WANT HER SO BAD, YOU GO AFTER HER!
Are you a cop or not?!
Go, now!!
FINE! BUT IT'S ON YOUR HEAD IF I LOSE MINE!

I'm... I'm sorry...
IT'S OK.
THAT WOMAN... SHE RAN AWAY BEFORE AYAKI PULLED HER GUN...
You don't say...
... SHE'S GONE!
SHE'S
WHY?
THAT'S IT! IF I'M RIGHT, I CAN EXPLAIN...
WAIT A MINUTE...
...WHY THE KILLER TOOK THE VICTIM'S HEAD!!

Kurumi!!
YES, SIR?
The killer could be--


SHIT!!
WHY WERE YOU SCREAMING?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHAT HAPPENED?


THERE A PROBLEM, MIRUKU-CHAN?
SLIP

...I WAS JUST ADMIR-ING THE VIEW... HA HA!
OH... NO...
.....
Y... YES?
ISHI-KURA!
GET RID OF THE OTHER GIRLS FOR NOW.
YES?
HEY, SAYAKA ?

CLICK
SLAM
NEVER YOU MIND!
WHAT? WHY NOT YOU?
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE! GET OUT!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME EARLIER...?
MIRUKU, MIRUKU...

YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THIS... AREN'T YOU?
THIS NAUGHTY MEDICINE.

WHAT?!

AHHHH!! WHA-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THIS POP-EYED GOLDFISH IS THE UPPER...
...AND THIS OTHER ONE IS THE DOWNER. RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE QUITE EXCITED, SO...
...THE DOWNER, I THINK. DON'T WORRY-- YOU'LL FEEL FANTASTIC!

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NO...!!

KURUMI!!!
NOOOOOOOOO!!

OOH...
OH...
OH...
THE FIRST ONE'S FREE...BUT AFTER THAT, YOU PAY!
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AW!
DON'T "AW" ME! WHY THE HELL WOULD I GIVE IT AWAY TO AN IDIOT LIKE YOU?!
YOU WANT IT, BRING MORE GIRLS! GET IT?!
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OW!
HEE HEE.
GOOD GIRL.
DAMN...
OH, YES, PLEASE!
HMM...
YOU WANT ONE TOO, ISHIKURA?

UNH!
OH...
OOOH...
DOES IT HURT?! HUH?! HEH HEH...!
I'M SORRY!!
I THINK YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON. HERE. ONE MORE FREEBIE.
STICK YOUR TONGUE OUT.
HMPH!
IDIOT.

YOU'RE SO CUTE, MIRUKU-CHAN...
MORE THAN A REPLACEMENT FOR OUR DEAR, DEPARTED MUTSUMI...
I'VE GOT PLANS FOR YOU... *SPECIAL PLANS*...AND LATER...
...LATER, I'LL SAMPLE THAT SWEET, SWEET ASS FOR *MYSELF!*

OW OW OW...
WAKE UP!
HEY, ISHIKURA!
BUT GENTLY...! WE WOULDN'T WANT TO DAMAGE THE GOODS!
TAKE MIRUKU TO "THE DUNGEON"!
Y-YES, SIR!
AM I RIGHT...?! AM I RIGHT, ISHI-KURA?! HA HA HA HA HA!
THIS IS THE FUCKIN' LIFE, MAN! RIDING THE WAVE, POPPING AN UPPER AND DOWNER AT THE SAME TIME!!

WE HAVE THREE REGULARS SCHEDULED TONIGHT... ALL FOR THE DUNGEON.

YEESS

ALL THREE WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO TASTE OUR SWEET MIRUKU-CHAN...

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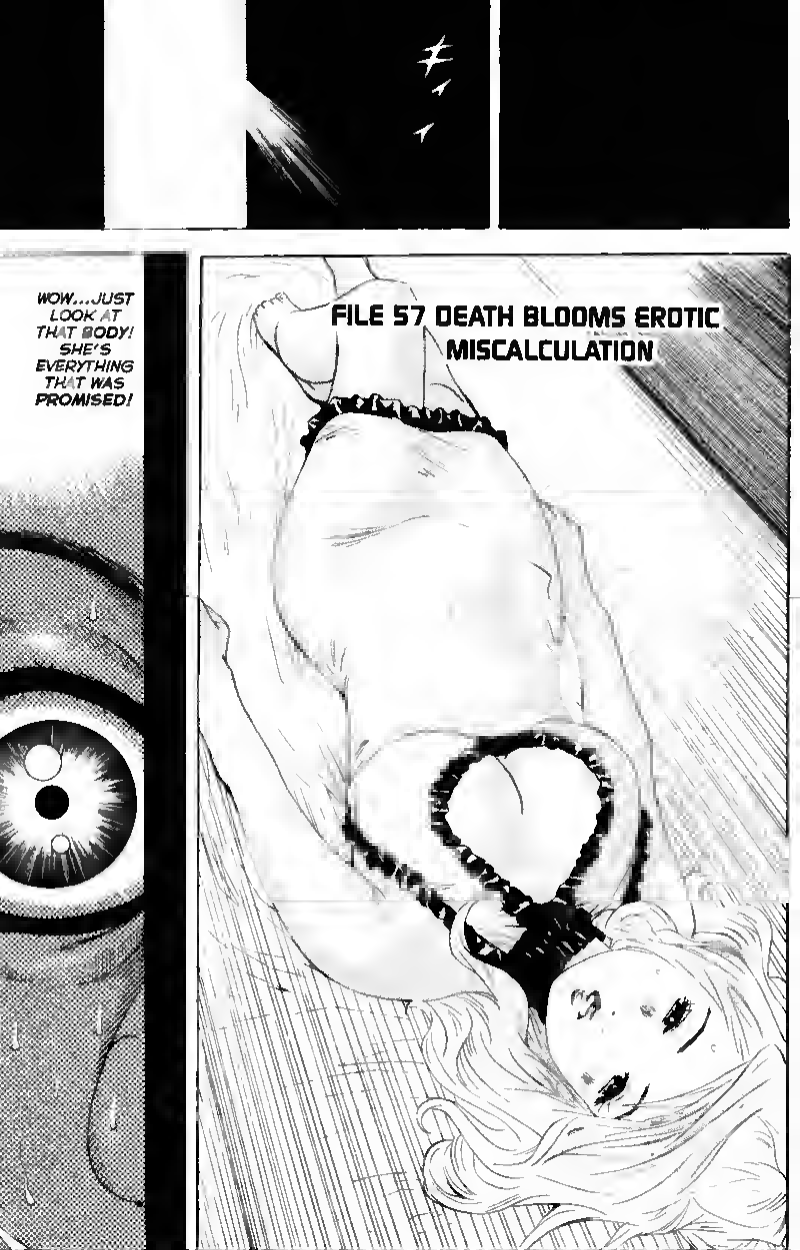
WOW...JUST LOOK AT THAT BODY! SHE'S EVERYTHING THAT WAS PROMISED!
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ORGY?!
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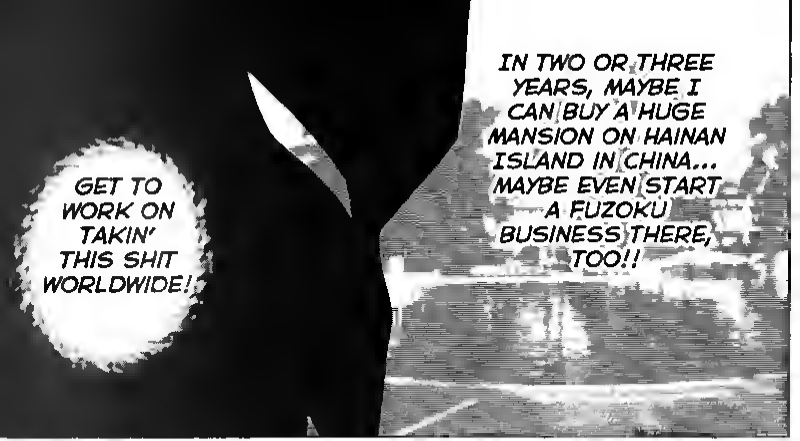
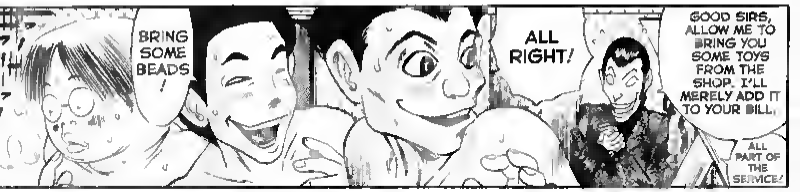
AN ORGY... OR GANGBANG, IF YOU WILL....
BUT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TONIGHT, IT HAS TO BE THE THREE OF YOU AT ONCE...
SHE'S SO PRETTY! HUH-HUH! SHE'S GOT PRETTY BOOBIES... HUH-HUH-HUH!
THIS IS THE HOTTEST LITTLE PIECE I'VE EVER SEEN...
GENTLEMEN... JUST CONSIDER THIS A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR MY THREE MOST FREQUENT CLIENTS!
UH... YES.
HEY-- NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR MY CUSTOMERS!
OH YEAH... FUCKIN' TRIPLE-TEAM THIS LITTLE SLUT!
WELL, WE'RE ALL MEN OF DISCRIMINATING TASTE, AREN'T WE? SO NO ONE'S CLAIMING THE SWEET SPOT?
I'M GONNA EAT THAT TIGHT BALLOON KNOT...
OH! THEN I'LL TAKE HER BOO-BOO-BOOBS! HUH-HUH!
NEVER FEAR, GENTLEMEN--BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE WITH THIS SUCCULENT LITTLE TURKEY...ALL OF US WILL HAVE HAD A TURN AT THE WISHBONE!
FUCK, MAN! I CAN'T WAIT TO BURY MY FACE BETWEEN THOSE MOIST FUCKIN' THIGHS!!
FIRST DIBS ON THAT PRETTY LITTLE MOUTH... DADDY'S GOT SOMETHIN' FOR YA, BABY...OH YEAH...
OH YEAH...
I'M SOLD!
ME, TOO! HUH...

HEH HEH HEH...FUCKING IDIOTS...
SOME-THING DOUBLE-HEADED...
GOOD IDEA!
HUH-HUH! HOW ABOUT SOME TOYS?!
HEH HEH HEH... FUZOKU IS SUCH A SWEET FUCKIN' BUSINESS!
THEY HAVE NO CLUE I'M RECORDING ALL OF THIS... THE BETTER TO BLACKMAIL THEM WITH LATER!
AND AS LONG AS I HAVE THE TAPE, THAT LITTLE COCK-TEASE MIRUKU WILL BE FORCED TO WORK FOR ME...
...OR I'LL PUT THIS ON THE NET, WHERE EVERYONE CAN JACK-OFF TO WATCHING MORE BONES BURIED IN HER THAN A CEMETARY!


IN TWO OR THREE YEARS, MAYBE I CAN BUY A HUGE MANSION ON HAINAN ISLAND IN CHINA... MAYBE EVEN START A FUZOKU BUSINESS THERE, TOO!!
GET TO WORK ON TAKIN' THIS SHIT WORLDWIDE!

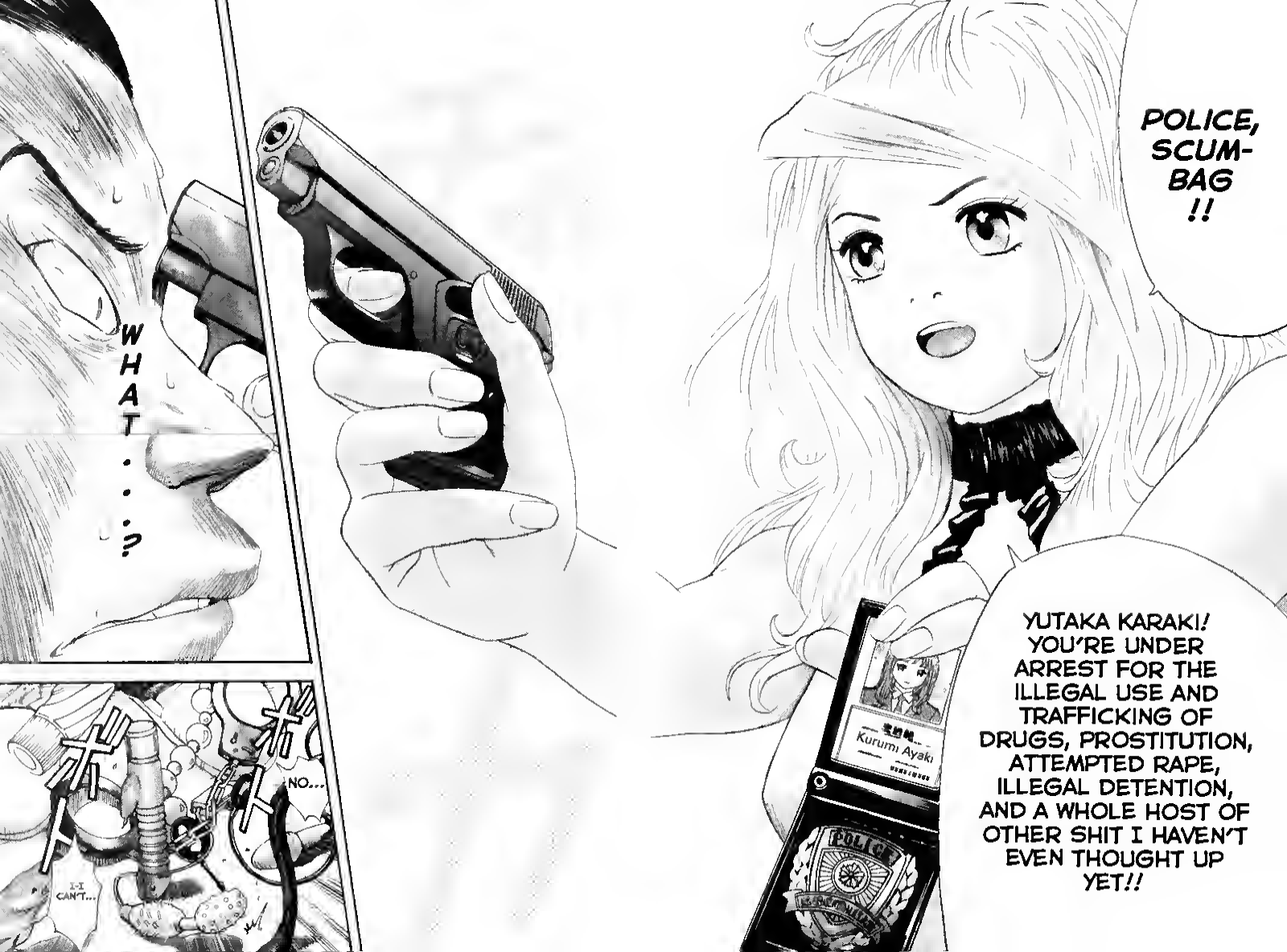

BRING SOME BEADS!
ALL RIGHT!
GOOD SIRS, ALLOW ME TO BRING YOU SOME TOYS FROM THE SHOP. I'LL MERELY ADD IT TO YOUR BILL.
ALL PART OF THE SERVICE!

HEY, ISHIKURA! MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF VIDEOTAPE!
AND TELL SAYAKA TO TAKE THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSES FROM THEIR CLOTHES IN THE SHOWER ROOM AND PHOTOCOPY THEM!
UNDERSTAND?!
HA!

PANT...
PANT...
PANT...
ALL RIGHT, GENTLMEN... ALL AT THE SAME TIME...
...LET'S MOUNT THIS BITCH!

FUCK YEAH!
I'LL MISS MY TURN IF YOU THREE SHITHEADS DON'T FINISH BEFORE THAT SHIT WEARS OFF, DAMMIT!
KLACK
C'MON, YOU FUCKERS!
LIMP-DICK COWARDS!
GET GOING ALREADY!

SHIT!
KNOCK KNOCK
GOOD SIRS, I HAVE YOUR TOYS...!
SIRS?
I CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH THAT VIDEO...MAYBE I'LL MAKE MIRUKU WATCH IT TONIGHT WHILE I RAIL HER IN THE ASS...!


WHAT...?
NO...
I-I CAN'T...
POLICE, SCUM-BAG !!
Kurumi Ayaki
POLICE
YUTAKA KARAKI! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR THE ILLEGAL USE AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS, PROSTITUTION, ATTEMPTED RAPE, ILLEGAL DETENTION, AND A WHOLE HOST OF OTHER SHIT I HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT UP YET!!

KURUMI, THIS IS BOB! I'VE GOT THINGS UNDER CONTROL UP HERE!
COPY THAT.
OH, OH YEAH, IT'S A JOKE. AND THE PUNCH LINE'S ON ONE OF THESE BULLETS. WANNA SEE?
I...I GAVE YOU A SHOT...
BUT HOW...?

HOLY SHIT!! THIS IS SOME KINDA FUCKIN' JOKE, RIGHT?!

OH, YOU MEAN THESE LITTLE GOLDFISH...?
I SWITCHED THEM WITH A SALT SOLUTION BEFOREHAND. TOO BAD!

WHAT?!
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WHAT IS HE--?!
AAAAAAHHH!!

NO WAY THEY'RE TAKING ME IN! NO FUCKIN' WAY!!
I LOST HIM!!
SHIT!!
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KURUMI! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
Kurumi!!
AAAAAH!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
KURUMI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
Yes! I didn't get a shot off. I lost him...I'll go after him right away!
I'm sorry, Himuro! Karaki had a concealed weapon and...
If he took murder scene photos as I suspect he did...
B-BUT...
Get Tanaka first!
HUH?
WAIT!!

UH...
...we'll need those pictures as evidence! The photos might tell us who the killer is!
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SHOULD'VE GUESSED THAT BITCH WAS A COP!
GOTTA... REST...
...FOR A MINUTE
We can always pick up Karaki later--but we can't let Tanaka get away!

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AGH!!
OH...NO!
NOT--NOT
YOU!!
HUH?
WHAT?
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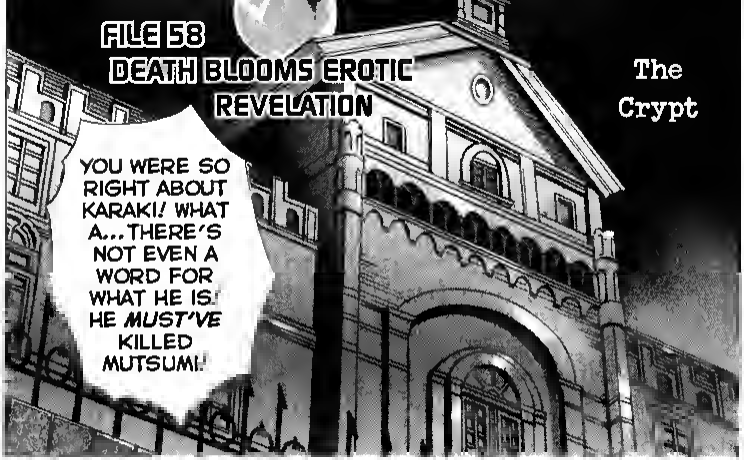
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DEATH BLOOMS EROTIC REVELATION
The Crypt
YOU WERE SO RIGHT ABOUT KARAKI! WHAT A...THERE'S NOT EVEN A WORD FOR WHAT HE IS! HE *MUST'VE* KILLED MUTSUMI!

RIGHT. FIRST, PUT THE EVENTS IN ORDER.
OKAY...
DON'T LET YOURSELF BE DISTRACTED BY EMOTION. THINK LOGICALLY. REVIEW THE FACTS.
THE FACTS?

IT WAS A WEEK AGO WHEN YOUR FRIEND, MUTSUMI HINATA, WAS MURDERED.
SHE WAS KILLED WHILE SHE WAS BEING WATCHED BY A CUSTOMER. THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED THEATRICALLY, LIKE SOME KIND OF SICK MURDER SHOW.
ACCORDING TO THE AUTOPSY...
...SHE WAS LIKELY MURDERED AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE THE CUSTOMER FOUND HER DEAD.
HEAD-QUARTERS BELIEVES THAT...
...THE KILLER FOLLOWED MUTSUMI WHO WAS HEADING TO THE "PEEP ROOM"...
...AND KILLED HER AS SOON AS SHE WENT INTO THE ROOM, BEFORE SHE EVEN TURNED THE LIGHT ON.

...AND TURNED ON THE LIGHT.
THEN THE KILLER LAID HER BODY ON THE BED...
POOR MUTSUMI...
UGH!

BUT AS YOU'VE NO DOUBT LEARNED BY NOW, THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM.
TRUE...BUT YOU HAVE TO TRY TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE KILLER'S SHOES TO RETRACE THEIR STEPS.
ANOTHER THING TO CONSIDER IS--WHY WOULD THE KILLER TAKE THE HEAD?
HUH?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW WHY A KILLER DOES ANYTHING? SICK FREAKS...

LET'S LOOK AT WHAT WE KNOW...
HIMURO NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME WITH HOW DETACHED HE CAN BE WHILE ANALYZING A CASE.
HMM...
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OKAY...
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...FROM THE LOOK OF THE WOUND...
...WE CAN SEE THAT THE KILLER MUST HAVE USED SOME FAIRLY LARGE GARDEN SHEARS.
WITH SUCH SHEARS, YOU'D BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH A SKINNY WOMAN'S NECK VERY QUICKLY.
FIRST...

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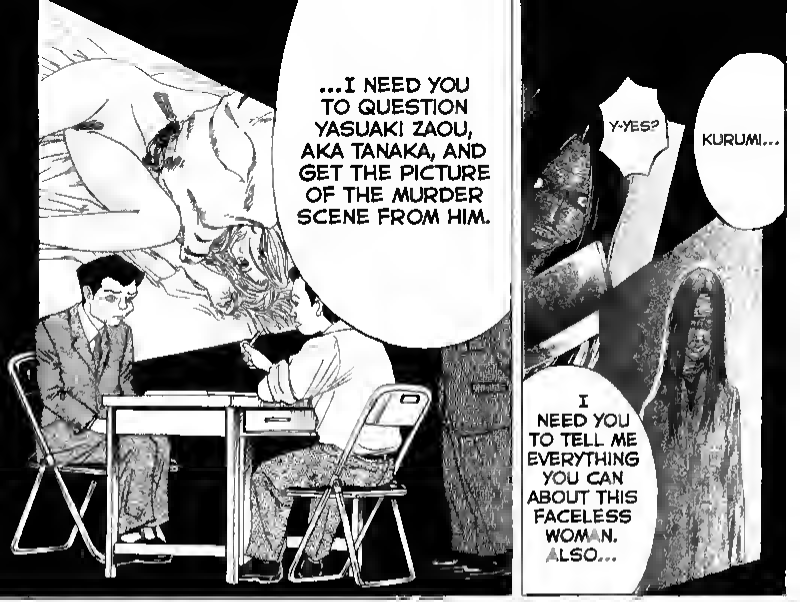
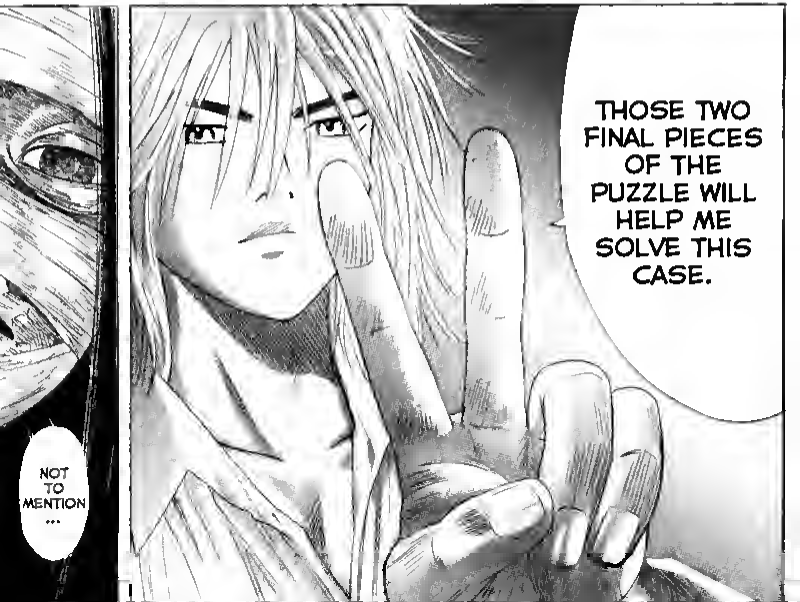
HOWEVER, YOU'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF ARTERIAL SPRAY...SO THE KILLER MUST HAVE COVERED HIMSELF WITH A BLANKET OR TARP OF SOME KIND.
SO THIS WAS ALL WELL PLANNED.
SECOND... HE KNEW HE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME, KNOWING THE CUSTOMER WOULD CALL THE SHOP STAFF--AND TOOK OFF WITH THE HEAD BEFORE THEY ARRIVED.
A TOTAL OF ABOUT FIVE TO SIX MINUTES.
THAT LEVEL OF PREPARA-TION...

...MEANS THAT OUR KILLER PUT A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT INTO THIS.
HAS...HAS HIMURO ALREADY FIGURED OUT...
...WHO THE REAL KILLER IS?


...I NEED YOU TO QUESTION YASUAKI ZAOU, AKA TANAKA, AND GET THE PICTURE OF THE MURDER SCENE FROM HIM.
KURUMI...
Y-YES?
I NEED YOU TO TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT THIS FACELESS WOMAN. ALSO...


THOSE TWO FINAL PIECES OF THE PUZZLE WILL HELP ME SOLVE THIS CASE.
NOT TO MENTION ...

...IT WILL SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS FACELESS WOMAN AND HOW SHE'S INVOLVED.
Draw your weapon, officer!
THE GUN!!
YES!
AAAH!! WAIT...!! DON'T MOVE!!
WHAT?
DOES THIS MEAN...
...THE ONE WHO KILLED MUTSUMI IS...

...THE FACELESS WOMAN?!
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MISUZU
HANAMURA
...PAY
YOU'LL...
YOU'LL PAY...
YOU'LL PAY...
...FOR MAKING ME... LIKE THIS...

The next day...

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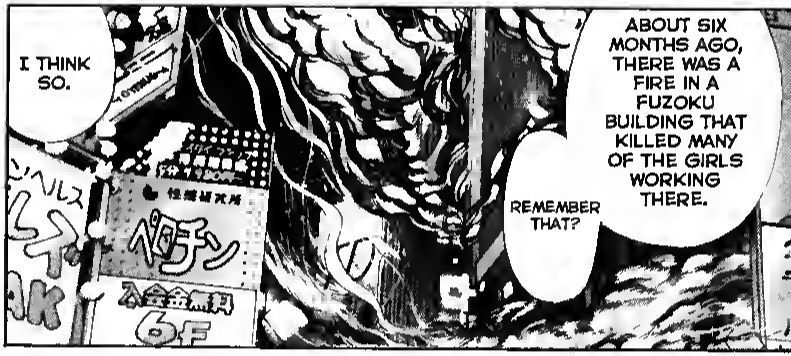
SO...I WAS ABLE TO TRACK DOWN SOME INFORMATION ON THIS FACELESS WOMAN.
YOU WERE? REALLY?!

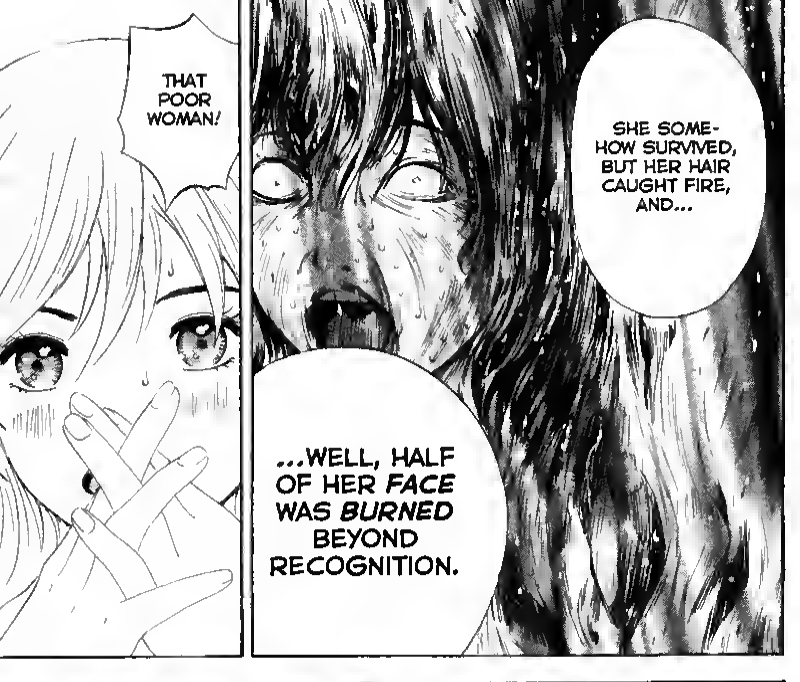
TELL ME, SHINGO!
WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?
YEP.
TURNS OUT IT'S NOT AN URBAN LEGEND AFTER ALL. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ANY USE FOR YOUR INVESTIGATION, THOUGH.
SO...?
WELL, HER FACE WASN'T DESTROYED BY REPEATED PLASTIC SURGERIES. THAT PART WAS URBAN LEGEND.
YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES... ONE PERSON TELLS ANOTHER, THEY TELL A FRIEND...AND PRETTY SOON THE FACTS ARE ALL JUMBLED.

BURNED ?
SO, THE TRUTH IS, SHE WAS HORRIBLY *BURNED.*

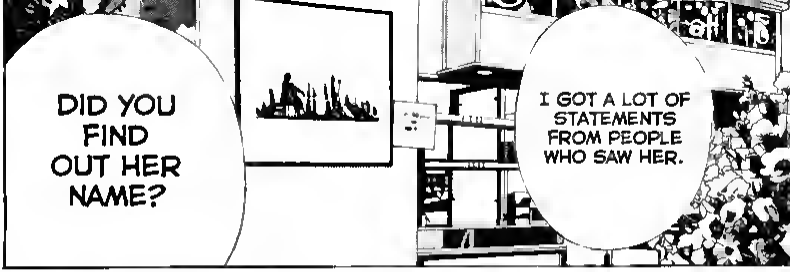

I THINK SO.
ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS A FIRE IN A FUZOKU BUILDING THAT KILLED MANY OF THE GIRLS WORKING THERE.
REMEMBER THAT?

...ONE OF THE GIRLS WHO WAS WORKING THERE WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT.
UH-HUH. THE FACE-LESS WOMAN IS...

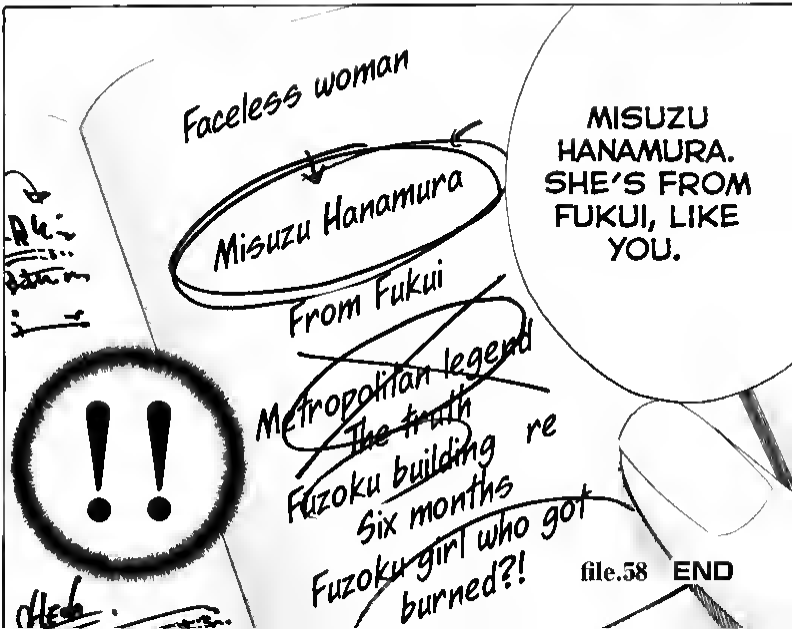
ALL THE SURVIVORS WERE IN CRITICAL CONDITION, RIGHT?


THAT POOR WOMAN!
SHE SOMEHOW SURVIVED, BUT HER HAIR CAUGHT FIRE, AND...
...WELL, HALF OF HER *FACE* WAS *BURNED* BEYOND RECOGNITION.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, WITH HER DISFIGURED LIKE SHE WAS...
...NO ONE WANTED HER AS A FUZOKU GIRL ANYMORE.
SO SHE LOST EVERYTHING, AND TOOK TO WANDERING THE STREETS ALL MUMMIFIED AND STUFF.


DID YOU FIND OUT HER NAME?
I GOT A LOT OF STATEMENTS FROM PEOPLE WHO SAW HER.

YEP. HERE IT IS.


Faceless woman
Misuzu Hanamura
From Fukui
Metropolitan legend
The truth
Fuzoku building re
Six months
Fuzoku girl who got burned?!
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MISUZU HANAMURA. SHE'S FROM FUKUI, LIKE YOU.
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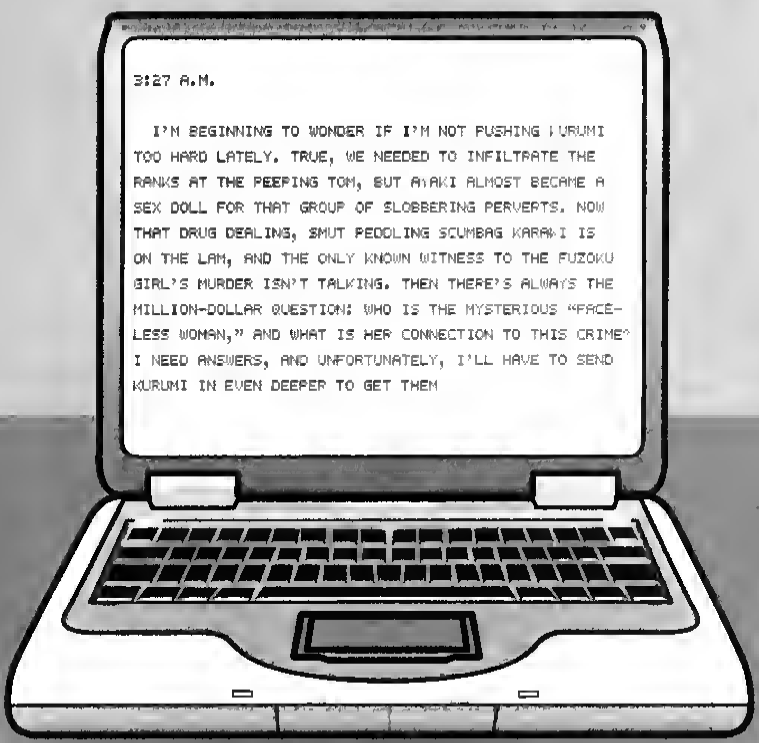
3:27 A.M.
I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER IF I'M NOT PUSHING KURUMI TOO HARD LATELY. TRUE, WE NEEDED TO INFILTRATE THE RANKS AT THE PEEPING TOM, BUT AYAKI ALMOST BECAME A SEX DOLL FOR THAT GROUP OF SLOBBERING PERVERTS. NOW THAT DRUG DEALING, SMUT PEDDLING SCUMBAG KARAKI IS ON THE LAM, AND THE ONLY KNOWN WITNESS TO THE FUZOKU GIRL'S MURDER ISN'T TALKING. THEN THERE'S ALWAYS THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION: WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS "FACELESS WOMAN," AND WHAT IS HER CONNECTION TO THIS CRIME? I NEED ANSWERS, AND UNFORTUNATELY, I'LL HAVE TO SEND KURUMI IN EVEN DEEPER TO GET THEM

HIMURO AND AYAKI
ARE BACK ON THE CASE IN...

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